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COURTESY GEOFF BROWNING

Loyola's SGA has organized care packages for U.S. troops in Iraq. In addition to the packages for soldiers, school supplies have also been donated to help support Iraqi school children. Care packages for the students include classroom necessities such as notebooks, pens, pencil and art supplies.

Loyola commits to supporting Iraqi children & U.S. troops

BY DAN CORRIGAN
STAFF WRITER

The Student Government Association is working to make the holidays a little happier for those in Iraq, as it pulls together its efforts to mail care packages to soldiers stationed there and school supplies to Iraqi children. Last week, SGA members sold ribbons for two dollars apiece outside Boulder Cafe to raise money for the packages, and made a total of almost \$1,400. This is a continuation of a similar effort to send care packages to soldiers undertaken by SGA members two years ago.

The idea to send school supplies as well comes partially in response to a request from Loyola grad and Army First Lieutenant Christopher Johnson. In an e-mail addressed to friends and family members, he wrote, "As you know, my unit and I are currently deployed to Iraq, on the southern outskirts of Baghdad. There are five grade schools in our area of operations, which serve about 50 square miles and 3,000 students. These schools are for rural children whose parents are mostly farmers or herders. The literacy rate for parents and adults in the area is about 15 percent. This is obviously a systemic problem which dates back to the days of Saddam and the Ba'ath Party." Lt. Johnson went on to

ask for the aid of local charities and public organizations in gathering school supplies to distribute to the school children.

SGA members also made contact with an aid worker named Surood Mohammed Falih Ahmad in Kirkuk, a province located in northern Iraq. Surood is involved in school rehabilitation efforts, and responded enthusiastically to the project, writing, "It's so nice to find good peoples, wants to helping our children in need, God Bless you. That will be so nice if you can donating winter clothes (coats and shoes), and school supplies, so we can supporting them to continue study at school."

The project is being spearheaded largely by junior class resident Geoff Browning, who was also involved with the project two years ago. "When I looked at the pictures [sent by Lt. Johnson and Surood] it definitely had an impact on me. When you look at the kids you see that they're little kids just like anywhere else, and you just see the looks on their faces. When we were younger we were afraid of thunderstorms. [...] But these kids have cluster bombs, and violence, and killing, and it's crazy how much their lives have been disrupted."

Earlier this year, Browning contacted the ROTC program to obtain the list of Loyola grads from the classes of 2003 through 2007 stationed in Iraq. From there, he e-mailed them to obtain their contact information so that care

packages could be sent. Browning got in touch with Lt. Johnson through the intervention of Junior Ryan Johnson, the Lieutenant's younger brother.

The soldiers will receive basic items in their care packages: comfort foods and personal hygiene items. The packages for students will contain basics like notebooks, pens, pencils, and art supplies. The SGA hopes to have the custom forms filled out and the packages mailed by Tuesday, Dec. 11, so that they will arrive in time for Christmas.

The SGA has already received the thanks of some soldiers in advance of the fact. First Army Lieutenant Ryan Corcoran, class of '05, wrote, "I know it takes a lot to start a drive and motivate others to do something they normally wouldn't do on their own. Because of ppl like you, it makes it worth it for the soldiers, myself included, to be doing what we are doing. It's always nice to know you are not forgotten back home. Thanks again."

"This is something that we're absolutely going to continue. There's no shortage of need around the world, and there's no shortage of opportunities to help here at home in a very real, tangible, material way," said Browning.

The SGA will continue accepting donations through the end of the week in the Student Activities office..

Recreational drug poses addiction risk

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On the question of drug and alcohol use at Loyola College, Cynthia Parcover seeks out the answers in the classrooms.

According to the LCSLS survey, Loyola students' perception of drug use, including use of cocaine, is consistently higher than the number of students who acknowledge using. Specifically, the 2006 LCSLS showed 82 students out of 1,005 surveyed admitted using cocaine as frequently as only a few times per year, up to three or more times a week. On the other hand, student perception of cocaine use was much higher, with 540 saying the typical student used cocaine a few times a year or more.

Overall, the surveys show that



Parcover conducts the Loyola College Student Lifestyle Survey (LCSLS), one tool in the college's campaign to assess campus norms on subjects ranging from prayer and service, to alcohol and drug use. As the Assistant Director for Alcohol and Drug Education and Support Services (ADESS), she is on the forefront of the effort to study student perceptions, compared with what officials in the administration call campus realities. Other surveys the College refers to are the New Student Survey (NSS) and Core Alcohol and Drug Survey (CORE).

"Whenever we ask alcohol and drug questions we ask, 'What do you do?' and 'What do you think the typical student does?'" Parcover said. "We do this not only because it is human nature, but it is also a national trend for students to over-perceive negative behaviors and under-perceive positive behaviors."

the majority of Loyola students lead healthy life styles.

"We have the social norms campaign to get students to realize the accurate data," said Susan Donovan, vice president for Student Development. "Sometimes the only way to convince students is to give them the statistics."

However, the LCSLS confirms that a population of Loyola students are using cocaine, an addictive and dangerous narcotic. Compared with other drugs like alcohol and marijuana, the number of cocaine users is less. And while marijuana and alcohol are in no way benign drugs, the consequences of cocaine use are severe.

"It's very hard to use cocaine recreationally without psychological or mental effects," said Jan Williams, the director of ADESS and a licensed outpatient counselor. "Even one use of cocaine can be dangerous."

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LC's Green and Grey Society debates poverty and homelessness

BY MICHAEL PATTI
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On Tuesday, Dec. 4, the Hug Lounge of Loyola's Humanities building was transformed from the quiet, comfortable area it often is, to the venue of a debate on poverty and homelessness sponsored by the college's Green and Grey Society. The much anticipated event was preceded by an assortment of

finger foods, which provided an opportunity for many students and a few faculty members to chat and discuss their expectations of the night's event.

After a bit of conversation, SGA President and member of the event's sponsoring group, Dylan O'Shea, took a moment to talk about who the Green and Grey Society are, to explain the rules of the debate and to introduce

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- Quotes of the Moment -

“These are dangerous times, you can feel it. We need a leader who shows us how to hope again in America as a force for peace.”

Oprah Winfrey speaking at a Barack Obama rally in Des Moines, Iowa. Winfrey has pledged her support to the Obama campaign. According to the AP, Obama trails Hillary Clinton by threepoints in all three primary states, Iowa, New Hampshire, and South Carolina.

2 killed at missionary center

CNN reports a gunman shot four people, killing two, at a Colorado training center for missionaries early Sunday morning. Police confirmed that two of the four people shot early Sunday at the live-in training center for young Christian missionaries were dead, and identified them as Tiffany Johnson and Philip Crouse. At about 12:30 a.m. Sunday, the gunman entered a building where “Youth With a Mission” members were cleaning up from a Christmas banquet, said Peter Warren, the center’s co-founder. He asked for housing for the night, Warren said, which Johnson refused to give him.

“She said, ‘We really can’t do that right now,’” Warren said.

“And then he opened fire.”

As of Sunday night the shooter remains at large.

Most of the women he is accused of murdering were prostitutes and drug addicts from a seedy Vancouver neighborhood.

The verdict followed a week of deliberations by the jury, and 10 months of gruesome testimony and evidence.

Dems pushing for special counsel in tape case

The New York Times reports a Senate Democratic leader said Sunday the attorney general should appoint a special counsel to investigate the CIA’s destruction of videotaped interrogations of two suspected terrorists. Democratic Senator Joe Biden of Delaware believes there needs to be a special counsel because he lacks faith in an internal investigation. He urged Michael Mukasey to appoint such a counsel. “I just think it’s clearer and crisper and everyone will know what the truth is ... if [Mukasey] appoints a special counsel, steps back from it,” said Biden. The tapes showed interrogations of Abu Zubaydah, the first high-value detainee taken by the CIA in 2002. Zubaydah, under harsh questioning, told CIA interrogators about alleged Sept. 11 accomplice Ramzi Binalshibh. The two men’s confessions also led to the capture of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, who the U.S. government said was the mastermind behind the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Shuttle delayed

ABC News reported Sunday that NASA delayed the launch of space shuttle Atlantis until January after a gauge in the fuel tank failed for the second time in four days.

With only a few days remaining in the

launch window for the shuttle’s mission to the international space station, senior managers decided to stand down until next month in hopes of better understanding the perplexing and persistent fuel gauge problem. “We’re determined to get to the bottom of this,” said LeRoy Cain, chairman of the mission management team. Whether Atlantis can fly as early as Jan. 2 “is all going to depend on what we find out,” he said.

Thundersnow hits Southern California



The LA Times reports that Southern California experienced severe weather last week. Santa Ana winds, monster-size surf, and a blast of cold air generated an extreme weather phenomenon in the mountains: thundersnow. The cold and unstable weather brought on the booming spectacle of thundersnow, the rare combination of heavy snow accompanied by thunder and lightning. “It’s one of the coolest things in the atmosphere,” said Mark Moede, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in San Diego.

Sources : New York Times, AP, BBC, LA Times. Pictures : LA Times - Harold Grimes

“There are four or five generals and admirals we know of who would resign if Bush ordered an attack on Iran.”

A source with close ties to British intelligence. A British defense source confirmed that there were deep misgivings inside the Pentagon about a military strike.

Canadian pig farmer nabbed for murder

According to the BBC Robert Pickton, 58, is being tried for the murders of six women whose remains were found on his Vancouver farm.

Under Canadian law, a murder conviction leads to an automatic life sentence. Pickton must wait 10 years for possible parole. He pleaded not guilty.

Pickton has also been charged with killing 26 women. A trial date for the other 20 murder charges has not been set.

Snow alert: Discount tickets for area ski resorts

Got snow?! Not yet, but it won’t be long until there’s plenty of snow just an hour away at Whitetail, Liberty and Roundtop Ski Resorts. For the second year in a row, Student Activities is selling discount lift tickets and snow tubing vouchers for Whitetail, Liberty and Roundtop Ski Resorts. The following tickets are now available: 8-Hour Weekend/Peak Lift Ticket (\$44); 8-Hour Weekend/Peak Lift Ticket with rentals (\$79); Evening Lift Ticket (\$26); Learn to Ski/Snowboard Package (\$63); Weekend Snowtubing (\$17). We also have special early (opening day through 12/21) and late (anytime after 3/3) season value specials for 8-hour lift tickets (\$25) and Learn to Ski/Snowboard Packages (\$25). Cash, Check, Credit Card and Evergreen payments accepted. You can’t beat these deals! Stop by or call ext. 2713 with any questions.

COLLEGE ADVISING CORPS SEEKS NEW MEMBERS FOR 2008-09

The College Advising Corps, a unique full-time service opportunity for recent Loyola graduates and current graduate students, is recruiting new members for the 2008-09 school year. Applications are due Feb. 1. Established in the spring of 2007 with help from a \$1 million grant from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, the College Advising Corps places recent Loyola graduates and current graduate students in high schools with large numbers of talented, lower-income students who might not otherwise consider applying to a college

or university. The advisors work alongside school administrators to help promising students navigate the college search process and assist them in the completion of admission, financial aid and scholarship applications. After completing a six-week training program at Loyola in the Summer of 2008, the advisors will work on-site in schools throughout Maryland during the

2008-09 school year, with the option of renewing for a second year. Advisors will receive a \$10,000 stipend, \$10,000 for housing and a \$5,000 grant to be used for college loan repayment or future education. Advisors will also receive health benefits. For more information, contact Cheryl Moore-Thomas at cmoore4@loyola.edu or 410-617-1511, or Jennifer Lyall at 410-617-5094. Interested students can also visit the program’s Web page at www.loyola.edu/advisingcorps.

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Selected excerpts from reports

Monday, Nov. 19

A BCPD officer entered Favorites Bar on York Road to conduct an underage ID check. One Loyola student was questioned. The officer requested his wallet and directed him to the back of the bar. At this point the student ran out the front of the bar. The officer lost him, but contacted LCPD to locate him. The New Jersey ID the BCPD officer confiscated led them to his on campus residence hall. When they located the student he stated he lost the fake ID while running away. He was issued a citation.

Tuesday, Nov. 20

Silver Star Security, which patrols the 600 block of East Belvedere Avenue reported a student intoxicated in the area. When the LCPD arrived the student was pounding on the doors of Ryan’s Daughter. The restaurant had been closed for over two hours. The student was intoxicated and was escorted back to her dorm. During her encounter with the LCPD she slurred her speech, cursed and yelled uncontrollably. Her roommate met the officers and assured them that she would take care of her. The scene was cleared at 3:40 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 28

While patrolling in front of Newman Towers, an officer was approached by a cab driver. The cab driver handed him a wallet. The driver stated that he had found the wallet days prior in his trunk. When the officer asked him how it got in the trunk he corrected himself and said that it was in the backseat. The driver then attempted to leave, at which point the officer requested his name. He refused to give his name and commented; “Now if you start asking people for their names we are going to stop turning these things in.” Applying a little pressure the officer solicited his name. The wallet contained a note that read, “I wonder can you remember the next time you don’t have your cab fare and ‘Laugh’? The wallet also contained a Florida driver’s license, a fake Bermuda ID with a misspelling of the word license, and various credit cards. The fake ID was confiscated and the student was notified.

-compiled by Michael J. Calabrese

Students over-project drug use according to surveys

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Williams referenced the particularly tragic example of Len Bias, a University of Maryland graduate and basketball prodigy, who died from a cocaine overdose in 1986, less than 48 hours after he had been drafted by the Boston Celtics. According to a *Time* magazine article published in 2001, Bias's autopsy revealed that his mucus membranes were clear, indicating to doctors that he might have been a first time user.

Despite the dangers, student users still take cocaine recreationally. A Loyola senior, who asked to remain anonymous, said that she and her friends use before going out.

"It keeps you up and you are more outgoing and friendly. You just want to party more," she said. "It's a dangerous drug. I definitely realize that. My sister's old roommate had a problem, and they had an intervention and sent her to rehab. That's the closest I have been around that."

Though she lives off campus now, she said she was introduced to cocaine when she lived on campus in her sophomore year. Since then, she and her friends have typically used cocaine in conjunction with alcohol when they are out at bars -- they rarely use when sober.

"It is addicting, and once people have it they want to get more of it," she said.

Cocaine's addictive quality is one effect

that makes the drug so dangerous. The drug's short-term effects make it a popular party drug, and they include increased blood pressure, constricted blood vessels, mental alertness, and increased energy. These short-term effects are what users often become

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- Loyola upperclassman

addicted to, at first, after which such use can easily evolve into dependency.

Another Loyola senior is well aware of these risks. The student, who also requested to remain anonymous, said she stopped using cocaine after seeing its long-term physical, mental, and social effects firsthand before she arrived at Loyola.

"Every substance that you put into your body is going to have a consequence," she said. "It takes you on a downward spiral."

Having dealt with the detrimental effects of cocaine as a user, she was also involved in a relationship with a dealer who dealt other drugs including cocaine. She explains that her boyfriend became dependent upon cocaine, which eventually led to his arrest and treatment for drug addiction at a rehab center.

"There are a lot of long-term side effects, and I realized I was hurting myself by doing

it," she said. "Watching someone that you love and care about get arrested, and then get treatment for it helps you put it into perspective."

Some of the long-term effects of cocaine use include heart disease, heart attacks, respiratory failure, stroke and other serious medical problems.

"Cocaine weakens the blood vessels," explained Jan Williams.

If a student is caught with illegal drugs, he or she is typically put through the College's judicial process. According to Susan Donovan, first time offenders are required to take random drug tests, and depending on the severity of their offense, they may be suspended.

"Certainly we take any drug use seriously. But, if there is any suspicion that a student is dealing or distributing, they would be expelled permanently. And we've had some of those" said Donovan.

While much of the College's dealings with drug and alcohol take place through the judicial process, there is also a support infrastructure available to those who wish to receive help.

"We have a short-term model for students who want to get counseling," said Jason Parcover, Associate Director for Research,

Technology and Outreach in the Counseling Center. "After that we help them with outside services, and keep in touch to make sure they are doing okay."

Services include one-on-one and group counseling and a state-certified Out-Patient Treatment program run through ADESS.

QUESTIONS?

For more information on the services ADESS provides log onto <http://www.loyola.edu/campuslife/healthservices/adess/index.html>

If you would like to set up an appointment with a counselor in the Counseling Center, call (410) 617-5109.

Barack has the “O” factor, after Winfrey visit

BY MARGARET TALEV
McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

COLUMBIA, S.C. - More than 25,000 people streamed into the University of South Carolina's Williams-Brice Stadium Sunday to hear Oprah Winfrey make her case for Democrat Barack Obama and to make their own statement about the role black voters in this Old South state could play in choosing their nation's next president.

"Dr. King dreamed the dream but we don't have to just dream the dream anymore," Winfrey told them. "We get to vote that dream into reality."

The South Carolina stop on Day Two of Winfrey's endorsement tour the first time the billionaire talk-show star has backed a presidential candidate was the largest rally so far in the 2008 presidential campaign and rivaled events for John F. Kennedy and Ronald Reagan.

Despite its size, though, the event had a more personal feel than Winfrey's stops in Iowa on Saturday. She was more familiar in her remarks, and they carried a stronger racial undercurrent.

Many in the audience were dressed in suits and hats and had come straight from church, and Winfrey joked about how they kept their hair looking nice in the hot, humid climate.

She said that Obama would bring together whites and blacks and others of color. She spoke of an "amazing grace" that had allowed her own success as a black girl born in rural Mississippi in the 1950s and about how the same grace has positioned Obama as a leading contender for the Democratic presidential nomination.

"It's a beautiful thing to see him do it, isn't it?" she asked.

The audience responded with "amens" and dancing.

Some leaving the football stadium said they were still undecided about whom to support, but many said they'd been moved by what seemed to be a pivotal event.

Caressa Louallen, 46, said she'd arrived inclined to support New York Sen. Hillary

Clinton. She said she changed her mind after she heard Winfrey's argument that Obama's experience as a community organizer was more valuable than a Washington insider's credentials -- and also when she looked around at the audience.

"I've never seen anything like this happen in South Carolina," Louallen said. "It's very moving to see not just African-Americans, but my white counterparts, too. That's promising for South Carolina."

Obama spoke longer than he usually does about his background and goals, and while he rambled compared to Winfrey's polished performance, toward the end he, too, tailored his remarks to a black audience. "Don't let 'em tell you we gotta wait," he said. "Our moment is now. Don't tell me I can't do something, 'cause we're doing it."

Upon entering the stadium, each audience member was given a slip of paper that read "Be A Part Of History" and included a telephone script and the first names and phone numbers of four South Carolina residents who voted in the state's 2004 Democratic primary.

Each person was asked to call his or her four voters while waiting for Winfrey to speak, to ask them whether they'd support Obama and to report the information to the Obama campaign.

Juliet E.K. Walker, a history professor at the University of Texas at Austin and founder of the Center for Black Business History, Entrepreneurship and Technology, predicted that Winfrey's endorsement would carry weight in South Carolina.

"People are raising the question, 'Can America elect a black person as president?'" said Walker, who once taught a university seminar about Winfrey.

"She symbolizes success. She symbolizes what people like to view as achieving the American dream," Walker said. "But the point is, there's only one Oprah and almost 40 million black people in this country. Both Oprah and Obama started out as underdogs. And they are unique and distinct as African-Americans who both have reached what could be considered the pinnacle of success in America."



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Students gathered together for the annual Green & Grey debate. SGA president Dylan O'Shea was in attendance for the event.

Debate elicits passion from students

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the four members of the college community who were going to present their arguments on poverty and homelessness.

The four debaters made up a diverse panel, a group that included students John Dougherty '08 and Nick Centanni '10 as well as Dr. Dale Snow and Dr. Graham McAleer of the philosophy department. The rules dictated by Dylan O'Shea stated that each debater would take the time they need to present their individual argument, which would be followed by questions or commentary from the audience. The debater would then have a chance to respond to the audience's feedback.

Nick Centanni, president of the College Republicans, was the first to take the stairs, which served as the podium for the debate. Despite his evident preparation, his arguments regarding the minimum wage, its link to poverty, and the problem of homelessness proved to be fairly controversial with several members of the audience. He maintained that the current federal minimum wage was fair

because when calculated into a yearly salary based on a 40-hour workweek, it exceeds the poverty threshold.

However, audience members lashed back stating that the poverty threshold is an insignificant statistic and that most people in poverty often work more than one part-time job because they cannot get employment which offers a 40-hour work week.

The room was certainly heated up by the time John Dougherty took the stairs. His approach was less controversial. He began by pointing out that the debate was not a game and that the subject of their dialogue dealt with the lives of real people. However, he did not appear to be prepared when audience members asked him if he could propose any courses of action to improve the situations of poverty and homelessness.

Dr. McAleer and Dr. Snow both presented arguments, offering very different perspectives. Dr. McAleer tried to establish links about poverty and homelessness as they are related to American

and British history. He spoke about possible solutions on the governmental level as well as the idea of delegating the responsibility of solutions to "townships" or other smaller entities.

Dr. Snow looked at the issue on an ethical level, while taking into account the fact that Loyola is a Jesuit institution. After all four had gone, Dylan O'Shea allowed members of the audience to offer any final questions or comments to the panel. Once again, several audience members expressed their discontent with Nick Centanni's arguments.

At the end of the day, it was junior Geoff Browning who commended Nick for his courage and his ability to take criticism. After nearly two hours of standing, the formal part of the debate was over; however, students and faculty still stuck around to exchange ideas and opinions. Freshman Joe Misseri said, "I was impressed to see Loyola students tackling difficult issues in a public forum. Loyola should endorse more events like this one."

The iPod goes to school

By BILL LINDELOF
McCLATCHY NEWSPAPER

Nick Burnett has eliminated live lectures in one of his presentational speaking classes this semester at Sacramento State.

He gave all the lectures this summer in a studio, where they were recorded and launched onto iTunes. And in what Burnett believes is the first such large-scale experiment at California State University, Sacramento, 224 of his students will be able to hear him only by downloading his lectures onto their iPods or MP3 players.

Graduate assistants still teach once-a-week labs that go with Burnett's class, but students listen to Burnett when and where they want through their earbuds as they stroll across campus, on their home computers.

"I'm a working mom, and I can just fit listening into my schedule when I have free time," said Stockton resident Cindee O'Neill, an account executive for Pacific Gas and Electric Co. who is juggling a business degree, commuting, parenting and work.

"I found it is best to just put on headphones and sit at my computer. If I want to catch up, I can listen to three lectures in one sitting."

At the end of the semester, students will evaluate the podcasted class, and their comments will help determine its availability in the future, said Burnett, chairman of the communication studies department.

In May, Apple launched iTunes U within its iTunes Store, offering free course lectures from 28 colleges and universities, including Stanford and UC Berkeley.

Burnett notes that the company may sell a few iPods along the way, which is why his podcasting does not exclusively work with the Apple brand.

Bruce Bikle, chairman of the

faculty senate, says students don't have to have a professor in front of them to learn. "But in the ideal world, there should be somebody interacting with you on a face-to-face basis, either a graduate assistant, instructor or a professor's expanded office hours."

Burnett still offers a traditional version of his presentational speaking in businesses and organizations class to about 280 students who meet in a large hall for the lectures and break into groups of about 28 students for the labs.

Business major Rachel Celebrado juggles two part-time jobs and nine units at Sacramento State. She often listens to Burnett's lectures at 9 p.m. after getting off work.

She said she doesn't need to see Burnett to benefit from the class.

"Our graduate assistant can answer questions for me," said Celebrado. "Podcasting overall is a great system because of the convenience for somebody like me who has to work so much. And I can listen to it over and over again."

Burnett, 51, recorded his lectures over the summer in a 10-foot-by-10-foot studio.

"I didn't anticipate how bizarre it would be to give what used to be a mass lecture to myself," he said. "Frankly, I use a fair amount of humor when I lecture. It is really hard to get any energy for that when there is nobody responding."

He has some reservations about podcasting.

"I worry about what podcasting might do to the future of teaching," he said. "So, great, we have people who are good speaking in 10-by-10 rooms. What happens when that professor is before a live audience and somebody raises their hand with a question or challenges what they are saying?"

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Stereotypes and issues surrounding Bisexuality discussed in McGuire

By CARIN MORRELL
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"Bisexuality 101: Myths and Realities," a lecture presented by Robyn Ochs on Thursday, Nov. 29 at 7:30 p.m. in McGuire Hall, discussed the many issues and stereotypes surrounding bisexuality.

Ochs, a Harvard alumna, activist, and author of "Getting Bi: Voices of Bisexuals around the World," created a workshop atmosphere to facilitate open discussion. She began the session by asking every audience member to introduce themselves and say what they had heard about bisexuality. Most members had heard nothing at all.

The Kinsey Scale, the most famous scale used for determining human sexuality, was developed in the 1940s by an entomologist. The scale ranges from zero to six, highlighting each stage between heterosexuality and homosexuality. Ochs noted that while this is the most famous, it is not necessarily the most useful.

"Kinsey changed the world...but it is a flat line. (Sexuality is) not just one thing on a flat line, there are a lot of different factors," Ochs said. Psychologist Christopher Klein developed the Klein Sexual Orientation Grid, essentially an

expanded Kinsey Scale. The grid takes other variables into account, such as time.

Storms, a sociologist, developed The Storms Scale in 1980, which was a system of grids comparing homoeroticism to hetero-eroticism. The result is a categorization of asexuals, homosexuals, bisexuals, and heterosexuals.

"Storm put out the idea that attraction to men and attraction to women can be on many different axes," said Ochs. "I really like that because it really has the idea that people have different kinds of sexual orientations."

Each audience member was then asked to fill out a form rating themselves on the Kinsey Scale for 12 questions, including everything from "where would you put yourself on the (Kinsey) scale considering your sexual orientation overall?" to "Where does your father think you are on this scale?" Audience members then became both data and researchers, said Ochs, as they shuffled the papers together and redistributed them to analyze.

Those audience members receiving a male paper in the shuffle placed themselves on the Kinsey Scale in the front of the room. One-third of men were neither a zero nor a six on the scale. A few men shifted more than two spaces on the scale as each question was asked. Both

females and males, though, would typically "straighten up" when asked what sexual orientation their father thought they were. In many of her experiences, that question produced a dramatic shift from where young adults actually are on the scale towards zero, said Ochs.

"It's next to impossible to actually get good data on sexuality because it's almost impossible to get a random sample," said Ochs. People are dishonest or uncomfortable when asked about their sexuality, she continued. When audience members were asked if their answers would change if they were in private, approximately seven people said that they would.

Attraction can also have many different factors, said Ochs, such as attraction to those with nice eyes, broad shoulders, or a particular type of voice. There are many different types of attraction, such as non-sexual and erotic, which can be influenced by a variety of factors, such as time or distance.

"When someone says that they're straight, where do we imagine they are without even thinking?" asked Ochs. The audience replied that they would assume that person was at zero, and similarly that someone who said that they were gay would be at six.

"We saw that straight went

Live from the SGA

A sit down with Ryan Kamp, Vice President of Policy

Tell us a little bit about the new Director of Technology, the process in which you selected him, and how he will contribute to the SGA.

RK: Our new Director of Technology is William Udovich. We had a vacancy come about, based upon a resignation. We were looking for someone who was dedicated and hardworking, and by all accounts that what we see in Will. We think Will is going to do a great job. What we need him to do on our end is spruce up our office and help us with our technology needs. The much greater need is for him to help us better communicate with the student body via our website. Will has some great ideas to make the website a two-way communication tool, making it more presentable, something students will want to go to.

What are a few things your excited about for the spring semester?

Obviously Loyolapalooza. We're looking into having, what is traditionally the fall concert or the second concert of the year occur this spring. We're currently looking into acts for that. We have "Erase the Hate Week" coming up. New elections, which will feature a Senate for the first time. There will be three new representatives per class year. Expansion of the off-campus Evergreen, and a re-launching of our website. One major initiatives we're exploring is a shuttle to York Road or transportation and security options along the York Road corridor. We encourage students to speak their mind on this subject.

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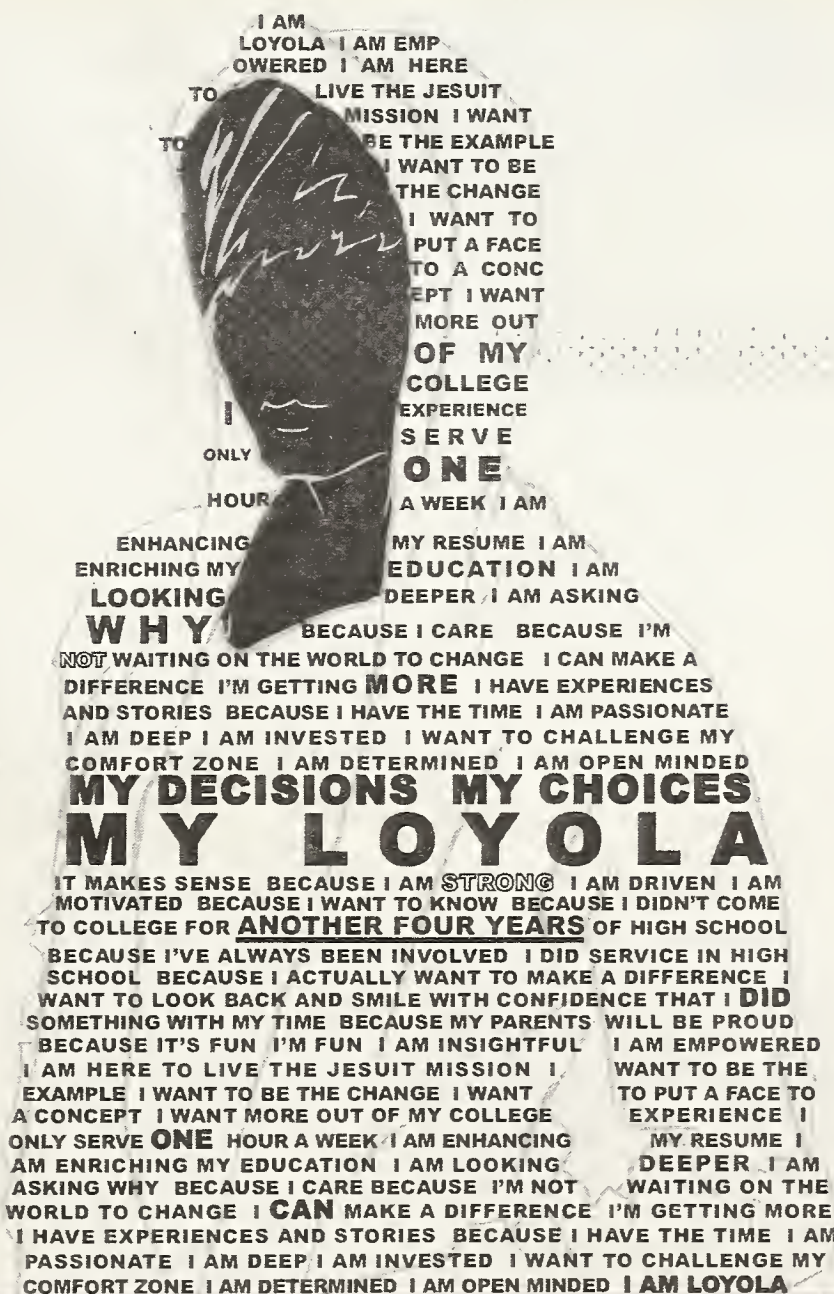
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— THE GREYHOUND EDITORIAL — Responsibility and Community

Despite the controversy surrounding *The Greyhound's* first installment of its series, "A Costly Habit" on cocaine use at Loyola, we are glad to see the story raised reactions both positive and negative. As the sole newspaper on campus, we must take into account our effect on the college community, and of course, how the Loyola student community views, itself, as a result. Either way, any sort of discussion that takes place must examine both the positive attributes of Loyola's community, of which there are many, and the negative in order to educate ourselves about campus realities.

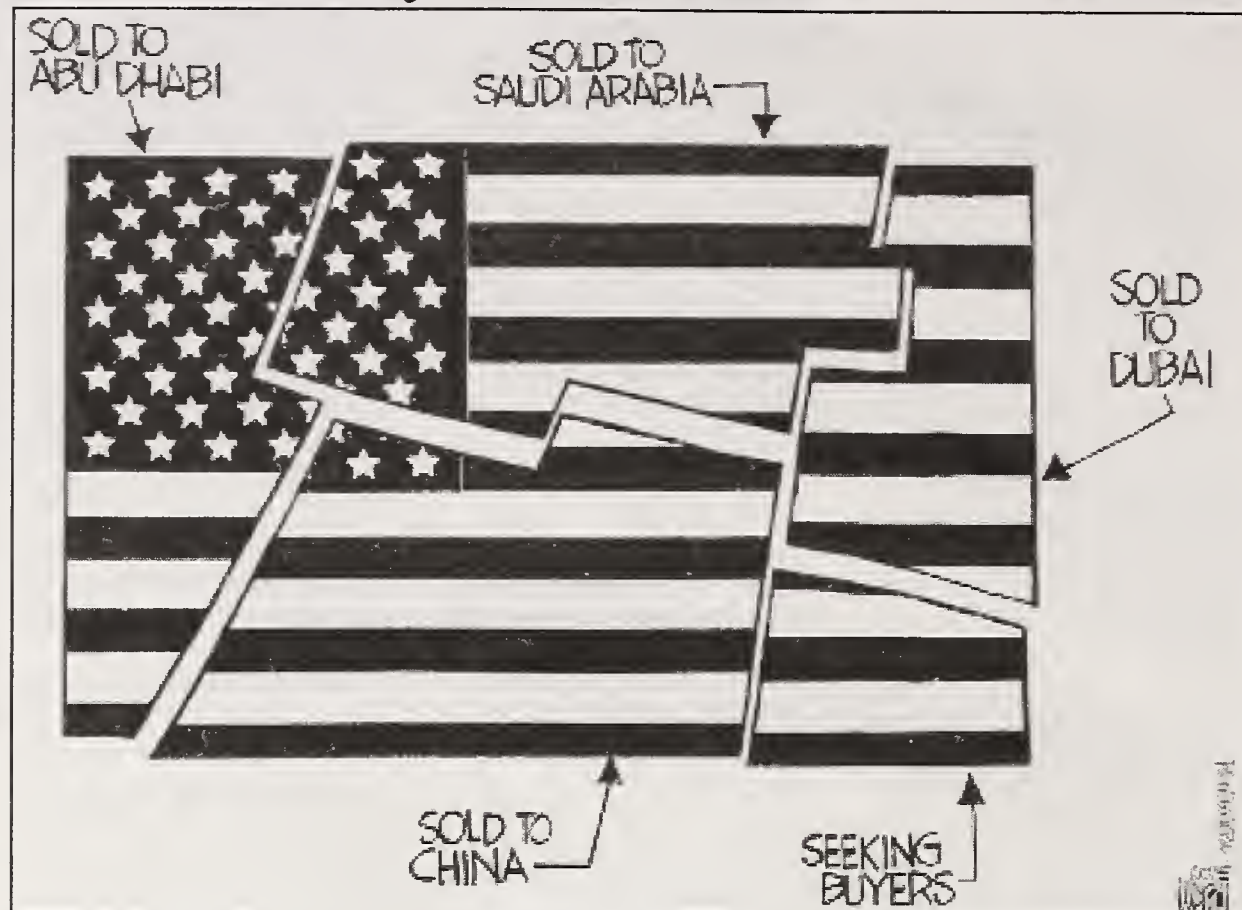
Indeed, the majority of Loyola students lead healthy lifestyles, however, students must not ignore the destructive behavior of their peers, even if it is uncommon. While marijuana, cocaine and other drugs may seem like mere recreational forays, the long-term effects of addiction can be utterly crippling. And as demonstrated by some of the students we have spoken with, addiction can overtake a person more quickly than he or she imagined. Moreover, the effort it takes to get out from a drug's influence can be astounding, and without help, nearly impossible.

Whatever the stigma, if you see a friend slipping into addiction — help them. Some students exhibit a sense that interfering in such situations is neither their place nor their responsibility. Even more, some might fear that their actions will get friends or roommates into serious trouble. *The Greyhound* wants to emphasize that students are responsible for each other, and there are ways to help somebody without getting them into trouble. In the end, more harm will be done if they are caught, or continue to use a drug until serious medical problems result.

Avenues of help include the Counseling Center and the ADESS office, among others. These programs exist to serve students in their times of need, and they will gladly provide advice, counseling, and education to those who ask.

At the very least, have a conversation. Speaking with one another about difficult subjects such as addiction may seem like a topic best left for the classroom, but there will not always be a classroom to learn these lessons in. The time for responsibility and community is now, for yourself and those around you.

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Pope's stance on athiesm ludicrous, inappropriate

I've resisted getting involved in the inner shenanigans of the Catholic Church. This is partly because my heroes include such social activists as Catholic El Salvadorian Bishop Romero, murdered during high noon for his preference for the poor philosophy, as well as the three nuns and lay person raped and murdered in El Salvador for exemplifying the very best in Christianity. (I have attended three or four memorial masses for the latter). The other part is because as an atheist, it was none of my damned business.

But when Pope Benedict XVI condemned atheism in his recent encyclical, he certainly, as the saying goes "Crosses The Rubicon."

To add insult to this Pope's abysmal ignorance, he spreads hatred toward atheists for some of the "greatest forms of cruelty and violations of justice" ever known!

Has this arrogant pope never heard of The Inquisition against Jews and Muslims? Does he not know that his predecessors gave Catholic Spain and Portugal the

"O.K." to invade, exploit, and create genocidal blood baths in Central and South America? Fascist dictator, Generalissimo Franco, who overthrew a democratically elected Popular Front government in Spain in the mid-1930s had the blessings of the pope at that time. That same pope blessed Italian dictator Mussolini's troops when they invaded Ethiopia.

What about World War II and the Holocaust? Granted, Hitler may have been a Lutheran, but he certainly was not an atheist! Half of Hitler's army was Catholic. The overwhelming majority of his WWII allies in Eastern Europe were Catholic. Had that pope told the Axiest troops that killing Jews, gypsies, and gays was a mortal sin, or that making aggressive war against counties which were no military threat, violates the First Commandment, just maybe a few fewer millions of people might not have died.

Why should the personal spiritual beliefs of any one of us be the business of anyone else?

Cruelty and violations of justice have both been practiced

by people of all religious groups -- whether they be Catholics, Protestants, Jews, Muslims, Taoists, Hindus, Buddhists, Agnostics, and Atheists. Conscienceless or ignorant demagogues can always make a case against the other guy's religion (or lack thereof) to score an illogical point, so long as they are prejudicially selective.

Why muddy the waters of humanity by preaching that some such beliefs cause "greater forms of cruelty and violations of justice" than others? Tyrants who live in glass palaces shouldn't cast aspersions.

As far as the question of if there is a god and if he or she is Catholic, Buddhist, or atheist, I don't know, and frankly, neither does the pope or anyone else.

Pope Benedict XVI is hardly a credit to his people. Why don't the Catholics elect a more Jesus-like guy -- or gal?

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Poll Question of the Week:

What are your plans for your Christmas break?

- Going on the Project Mexico or Encounter El Salvador service trip.
- Eating, sleeping, and zero working out. Let's face it, that's what always happens.
- Spending time with family and friends from home.
- A little traveling on the side.

Last issue's poll: (Results not scientific)

What do you make of the recent news about cocaine on and around campus?

- It is a very serious problem that the administration needs to fully investigate. (47%)
- I feel indifferent. This issue has remained hidden for a while and hasn't affected me. (39%)
- Having this problem on campus took me completely by surprise. (14%)

That's what she said: The Christmas gift giving quandary

This week's question is about demystifying the institution of gift giving: "For Christmas, what should I give to whom?"

Remember Christmases when you were growing up?

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Your mom would buy a present for you to give to your dad, your dad would buy a present for you to give your mom, and you would go downstairs early Christmas morning and write your name in sharpie over "Santa" on one each of your siblings' presents?

Those were the days. You never needed to know not to buy a pink sweater for your red-headed best friend, that your aunt was allergic to pistachios, or the length of your brother's inseam.

Well, those days are gone and we need to start buying presents for people ourselves. Here is my all-purpose gift-giving guide to make it easy to shop for everyone on your Christmas list this holiday season.

Your dad. You're too old to give him a paperweight so put down the color-by-number paint set and the rock you just found on the sidewalk. You're going to have to give him something a little more substantial.

Don't have the money for a new Scotty Cameron putter? Band together with your siblings (if you have any) or get him new sunglasses instead. You can't go wrong when it comes to shopping for your dad; he'll just be glad that it's not another custom-made tie with your face on it.

Your mom. Who deserves a great gift more than the woman who made you the well-adjusted person that you are today? Contrary to what a popular commercial currently suggests, some nice new clothes for yourself are not the best way to let your mom know you care (especially if you are too thick to remember to take the tag off). A better option, then, would be to think of something that you know she would love but would never buy for herself.

Try and make arrangements for her to spend a night or two at a beach-side Bed & Breakfast, or the classics: give her a few pottery lessons, or order her rare teas from around the world.

Your sister. Definitely get her some kind of clothing. Go online and search the Urban Outfitter or J.Crew sale websites. Depending on her personality, some fairisle Mukluk boots or a goosedown puffer vest might be just what she's looking for. If you're a girl, make sure you choose something that will fit you, too.

Your brother. Look on eBay for some novelty items, like an original Atari system, an autographed picture of Stone Cold Steve Austin, or a hat shaped like a basketball that says "I'm on God's team." This will probably be the easiest and most fun shopping you do, but just double-check to make sure that the item can be shipped in time.

Your best girl friend. You can't go wrong with cute flannel printed PJs from Victoria's Secret. Sure, she'll exchange them for a new Secret Embrace bra and matching tanga, but it's the thought that counts. With gift wrapping included what girl doesn't love to get that coveted pink box? Your gift is sure to make all the other Secret Santa purchases look greatly inadequate.

Your best boy friend. See "Your brother."

Your boyfriend/girlfriend. This is tricky. Before I offer up a few suggestions, I think it's important to step back and take a good look at what you have going. If you think there is a chance you might want to break up, now's the time to do it.

It's early enough before Christmas to get it over and done with; if you wait until after Christmas then it will soon be New Year's

Eve which quickly turns into Valentine's Day.

That's not even including anniversaries or birthdays which are likely to fall somewhere in between.

If, however, and I hope this is the case, you are with someone you really care about, then this is the perfect time to show him or her how much he or she means to you -- especially if this person is a girl. For girls, the wrong gift easily translates into "I don't know anything about you." Which, of course, then becomes, "I don't love you and secretly wish I were with your twin sister/best friend/ hot mom because you are ugly or fat or unlovable and my friends think I could do better."

You may think that I'm being overly dramatic, but trust me on this one. Get the girl a Hollister Surf Company t-shirt and you are pretty much suggesting that she will die alone.

Of course, jewelry is one of the more traditional gift options. However, I wouldn't suggest it unless you've been dating for a year or more. The piece you choose is only as meaningful as your relationship. Boys, don't feel like you need to spend next month's rent check to get us a bracelet from Tiffany & Co. At the same time nothing says "I'm just digging around" like a sterling silver necklace from Claire's.

Yes, we do know the difference: this is Loyola.

If you opt to give something that is not especially romantic (like tickets to a Knicks game), make sure to pair it with a thoughtful card. Or, give her the original cast recording with the tickets to "Wicked" or some small body lotions along with the Spa Gift Certificate.

If your gift is event-oriented, make sure that it isn't too far off. Sure, I'm all for investing in the future, but you never know what a few weeks apart, too much eggnog, and some well-placed mistletoe might do to imperil even the most solid of relationships.

X-Mas program provides relief, normalcy

Whether you're ready for it or not, the holiday season is about to shift into high gear.

I had the opportunity to have a good conversation with a recent Loyola alumna about the annual Presence for Christmas Program, and she reflected on the upcoming few weeks.

"I always felt that Presence for Christmas was one of the best traditions at Loyola," she said, "because it put all of the holiday craziness into perspective and reminded me that the needs of others are most important."

This year, the Loyola Community will provide holiday meals and gifts for more than 600 children and families -- a moving display of generosity, good will, and real presence to local neighbors in need. Taken as a whole, the generosity is a symbolic way of saying that the holidays are less about stuff and more about people.

Of course, the holiday meals and gifts are more than symbolic. They are quite real. They provide nourishment and a sense of normalcy to families struggling to manage tight budgets and take care of basic expenses.

The donations provide a momentary relief from the many demands of the holidays. What might have been a trying time in a family instead turns into a moment of tenderness and hope.

Presence for Christmas also offers a number of opportunities and challenges for our campus community.

As some of my Jesuit friends like to say, the real challenge we have as people of good will is to "situate ourselves in the place of another."

While those of us in comfortable, secure

Avoid gift cards at all costs. While \$50 to Ticketmaster seems like a great idea, it's impersonal and suggests a lack of creativity. Plus, there's no guarantee you won't end up at a Justin Timberlake concert.

If you seriously have no idea what to get, ask her best friend for ideas.

Of course, this definitely guarantees that the best friend will promise to get back to you and then just ask your girlfriend straight out what it is that she wants you to get her for Christmas. Because, after all, when does she not want gifts?

Sure, it takes out the surprise aspect, but at least you won't have to trade in your soul for a Build-a-Bear.

Boyfriends are much easier to shop for because, to the male sex, a gift is just a gift, (sans unspoken relationship analysis, insecurity manifestation, or suggestion of underlying meaning).

A Swiss Army Knife need not imply that you feel there are many dangerous things hidden beneath the surface of your relationship.

A Texas Hold 'Em set doesn't tell him that you think he needs to step up his game, play his cards right, or gamble everything for love. An engraved flask doesn't imply to him that you think he is an alcoholic. Actually, it might.

Still, you get the idea.

Anything you get him, as long as it's from the heart and not something you re-gifted from your last boyfriend, should be well-appreciated.

Still got nothing? You can't go wrong with a nice watch and a cute pair of shamrock boxers.

Above all, resist the "I can't think of anything, so here's the new iPod" gift trend.

Don't let yourself get too caught up in the commercial superficiality of the holiday season. Remember, like it says on the sign outside our favorite York Road Church, "Jesus is the seasoning for our reasoning."

And who can argue that that?

financial situations might not fully grasp the reality of economic stress, we can stand in solidarity with those who do. In our comfort, we can ask why people struggle in the first place, particularly those in our urban centers.

Presence for Christmas also offers an opportunity to participate in the life of another child or another family, momentarily transcending our own needs and attending to the needs of others.

Presence for Christmas presents the opportunity to act. Even through a simple shopping trip, one makes a gesture that says "I'm willing to spend my time to give someone I don't know a moment of joy."

And, finally, Presence for Christmas provides an opportunity to share in the life of many community partner agencies around Baltimore.

With Loyola College as a partner, agencies like The Learning Bank, St. Ambrose Center, and St. Jerome's Head Start find support in their efforts to build strong families, strengthen communities, and promote lifelong learning.

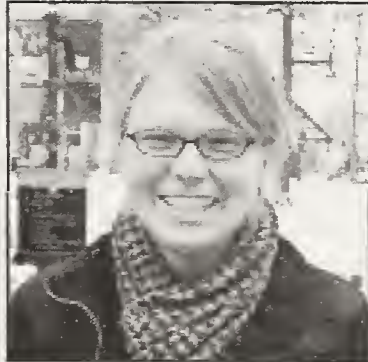
On behalf of Center for Community Service Justice and all those involved with Presence for Christmas, thanks for helping to emphasize the true meaning of this hopeful season.

Dennis McCunney
Center for Community Service and Justice

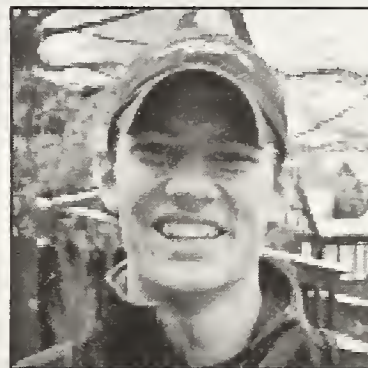
On the Quad

All I want for Christmas is...

By Betsy Van Langen & Jesse DeFlorio



"A white Christmas."
Mary Carney '10,
Math



"I just want to unwind."
Colin Boyan '10,
Management



"I wanna go to the beach."
Christine Licata, '11,
Political Science



"Some ridiculously sick guitar so I can
rip some sick face melting solos."
Jack O'Connor '11,
Marketing



"Betsy Van Langen"
Nora Benedict '10,
English and Spanish

Do you want to be in
"On The Quad?" Look for Jesse
DeFlorio on the quad, Friday
afternoons.

Although risky and sometimes frustrating, bar scene is worth the risk

In the weekends before Loyola went on Thanksgiving break, several of my friends came home huffing and puffing because their "IDs" were taken at a bar located

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in an area of downtown Baltimore called Federal Hill. They felt as though they had been robbed, not just of a piece of plastic, but unfortunately, of their social lives.

Lately the bars as well as Baltimore Police have been cracking down on underage drinking. Bouncers have been stricter, and cops have been seen randomly checking the identification of students inside the bar.

In Federal Hill, bar tenders have been "double carding," meaning rechecking admitted patrons by looking for their IDs in a big book of real ones.

If it doesn't match up, they pocket the ID and say, "see ya." Back to Loyola you go with nothing to do for the night. Despite the risk, having a fake ID is worth it at Loyola College.

Maryland Law, Criminal Law Title 10, states that getting caught with a fake ID the first time is a \$500 fine, and if you do it again, \$1000.

You could also, on top of that, have to deal with underage drinking laws as well as the rules of the college.

According to the Community Standards Handbook, the sanction for having a fake ID is "Deferred residence hall suspension and a \$200 fine. False IDs confiscated by the College will be forwarded to the appropriate State Authorities." If you decided to make or sell IDs, you can say goodbye to Loyola; the penalty is expulsion

from the college.

It is like looking through rose-colored glasses to think that college underage drinking does not exist; every campus in America does it. However, it is how we drink that makes us different and makes many of us break even more laws.

Loyola is a Jesuit Institution and we are not allowed to have Greek life. This means no sororities and no fraternities, and therefore no parties. Every weekend we are forced to jump into cabs to pay a lot of money for alcohol. And we will.

Because of our beautiful dorms, most students choose to live on campus, and partying in the dorms is not an option. RAs are strict when it comes to noise violations -- whether alcohol-related or not.

As a student of Loyola College, I feel that it is worth the risk to have a fake ID, and to use it to get into bars despite the penalties. For one, what are the chances you will actually get in trouble? If cops happen to raid the bar (which is highly unlikely) and ask you for identification you can always say you don't have it. There are also resourceful ways to hide it. In the end, the blame will fall on the bar for letting you in.

In terms of getting into the bar, it is up to the bouncer to determine whether the identification you present is real or not. Presenting false identification seems worth the try because all the fun is inside, and most likely the worst that can happen is he or she doesn't let you in. In that case you can always try somewhere else and hope for better luck. In any event, the bouncer could also take your ID away. This, as I said before, is upsetting, but definitely not the end of the world. It's a slap on the wrist compared to the legal implications.

Having a fake ID is not something to worry

about in terms of getting in trouble with the college. Let's face it. You would have to do something really stupid to call attention to your wallet or purse. RAs and Campus Police cannot just randomly search you, and an ID is easily hidden. They are also too busy making sure everyone is safe to worry about whether or not you're are breaking that not-so-little law.

The fact of the matter is that it is a difficult situation. The idea and feeling of needing an enjoyable weekend ultimately leads to decision to go off campus. And that does not mean heading down to the Inner Harbor. There is such a large majority of students who would rather make their destination the bars. And, again, a lot of this is in part due to the strict environment that the college has.

Although the consequences are great, we just feel like we won't get caught. I think it's a combination of the invincibility of youth and the simple fact that the authorities have bigger fish to fry. We are only college kids trying to have some fun, not the heroine dealers dealing on the corner.

I am not sure if this crackdown by the Baltimore Police will last for long. Since I have been here at Loyola there have been

several instances where people actually are worried about getting in trouble using fake IDs, but those times always pass.

In no way am I advocating for breaking the law. However, I do not, at this time, completely see a solution to counter the use of fake IDs at Loyola.

To the individual student, I feel the social advantages outweigh the chances of being caught. But when the argument is broken down, maybe we really do need to change the way we party and conduct ourselves during our "social" time.

Bark Back!

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Political correctness taints the holidays

Like any good first semester college freshman, I spent last week -- you know, the week just prior to the final exams that now loom ominously over all of us -- maximizing my ambitious, academic fervor by making wise use of my time and capitalizing

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on every free moment I was granted. Essentially, this means I wallowed away in my dorm room successfully practicing procrastination while looking up mindless junk online.

It was during this foray into uselessness that I stumbled upon an Internet link to a short video of Larry the Cable Guy (that self-proclaimed "redneck comedian"). The video was a recording of him spoofing on the classic Christmas story, "'Twas the Night Before Christmas."

Larry's version was titled, "'Twas the Night Before a Non-denominational Winter Holiday."

I chuckled a bit. I can't lie; it was somewhat funny. So I decided to continue listening (remember that part about me maximizing my academic fervor?). And, despite the awkward stares from my roommate warranted by my headphones and open laughter, I was having a great time. The combination of shunning classwork and this video -- not to mention a Baltimore snowfall -- washed a feeling of elation over me.

Maybe I was getting into the Christmas spirit.

But as I listened on, I only found myself becoming more and more agitated with what I was hearing. "His name is Santa Claus, not 'Holiday Figure,'" I angrily thought. And my anger wasn't Larry's fault; Larry was merely being funny, but implicit in his joke was the serious consideration that political correctness ruins Christmas.

Oh, if only the Grinch could be my Christmas foe.

Wasting away time with Larry brought back to life an incident which happened to me last Christmas. Working as a convenience store clerk, I always found it beneficial to work a couple hours on Christmas Day. It was never a big deal because business was understandably slow on Christmas Day and I was paid extra for simply standing behind a cash register. So my mellow mood and cheery disposition didn't force me to think twice as I wished a patron a "Merry Christmas."

What followed was one of the nastiest stare downs of my life, followed by a loud

and abrasive "Happy Holidays" to me in return. I was stunned. Did this person just become upset because I said, "Merry Christmas?"

Although many Greyhound readers probably have not suffered this experience, I assume that many people realize what I'm driving at (particularly with the reference to political correctness earlier on).

In the past few years I've noticed an ongoing trend towards intentionally tweaking the rhetoric of the Christmas season. Phrases like "Merry Christmas" are phased out in favor of "Season's Greetings" and "Happy Holidays." Since we attend a Jesuit school, perhaps this distinction isn't so prevalent, but it surely does exist -- just head on up to the mall in Towson and you'll be bombarded with seasonal slogans riddled with worry about offending people.

Things like that don't make me get my "Ho, ho, ho" on.

Perhaps I'm just being bitter, but I absolutely despise other people trying to inject political correctness into my holiday. There used to be a time when no one cared what was said. I'm sure there were non-Catholics (even there I'm being politically correct) who were the recipients of a "Merry Christmas" and simply shrugged it off as a friendly gesture. Surely it was nothing at which to become openly angry.

But now I feel as if the phrase "Merry Christmas" is the bullet to my loaded gun-of-a-mouth. Should I voice that to exactly the wrong person, I'll hear cries of "hate crime!" and "religious insensitivity!" Are you kidding me?

Has it ever crossed anyone's mind that my holiday gets stomped on just to ensure that other people don't get offended? Um, people who like Christmas can get offended too.

It's at these points during the year that make me incredibly angry about the fact that our society seems to be constantly walking on eggshells these days.

We introduce concepts like political correctness to protect people from "offensive remarks," but in doing so we succeed in limiting expression (ever hear of something called the First Amendment) and offending those we have deemed as politically incorrect.

I certainly hope I don't encounter any bitterness this Christmas. But, to be sure, I think I'll take a page from Larry's book and practice laughing, "Lady of the evening, lady of the evening, lady of the evening."

THUMBS

BY G.M. BLUTH AND
MAEBYFUNKE



Thumbs up to the Belles and the Chimes.

Their entrancing harmonies and commanding solos left us smiling and singing as we left for our post-show cigarette... Hmm... New Year's resolution: quit smoking, audition for Belles!

100% pure blood American heroes

When some people talk about great American figures they will often talk of George Washington, Martin Luther King, and John F. Kennedy. We, however, think of Diamond, Nitro, and Zap. This is a big thumbs up to the new American Gladiators coming out that will be hosted by another American legend: Hulk Hogan. NB: We will be very disappointed if there is an absence of tennis ball-shooting guns.

Thumbs Up to Boys Next Door.

No one could ignore the stellar performances of the Boys Next Door. Directed by Lorraine Cuddeback, '08, Boys Next Door was an excellently performed and executed show, about a group of young men with Downs Syndrome and Autism who live together and the man that has become such a fundamental part of their lives. Brovo, Boys (and girls). Bravo.



Thumbs down to the lack of washers in senior housing.

In Ahern Hall there are two washers for an entire building of people. Do you know how dirty seniors are? We have stopped caring. You have to understand this. We save all our laundry until it is a tower that would make even Frank Lloyd Wright jealous.

Thumbs down to the fickle weather.

Everyone thank the nice people at AquaNet for their extensive contributions to the current climate. I want my winter back. Remember when there was a time when snow was a possibility on Halloween? Yeah us, too. The changing weather is also making people sick. It's final exam time, Weather. Not cool, yo. Not cool.

On that note, thumbs down to exams.

They suck.

Supreme Court's ruling on guns has constitutional, historical implications

Recently, the Supreme Court announced it will decide whether or not the 1976 Washington D.C. handgun ban is in violation of the

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Second Amendment, which is the right to bear arms.

Now I am assuming that many of you who are reading this support governmental regulation and control of guns in the hands of ordinary people.

You see personal ownership of guns as a prominent factor in this nation's crime rate and a personal threat to family safety. You believe that school shootings are the result of our "trigger happy" culture and that the second amendment does not apply to present-day America.

You who wish for the government to monitor or regulate the right to own a gun, or wish to eliminate the right completely are in good company, "The most foolish mistake we could possibly make would be to allow the subject races to possess arms. History shows that all conquerors who

have allowed their subject races to carry arms have prepared their own downfall by so doing."

Adolf Hitler, the man who spoke these words, spent his first five years in government seizing arms from German citizens. According to a 2000 essay by Stephen Halbrook, this seizing of arms was aided by a 1928 gun control law, which "banned firearms from 'untrustworthy' persons and allowed the police to keep records on who acquired or carried firearms."

In 1938, Hitler signed a law which allowed Nazi party members unregulated ownership of arms but prohibited Jewish ownership of arms the same year the German government devastated Jewish neighborhoods in the event known as Kristallnacht.

Hitler recognized the power of arms in the hands of the people not just as a deterrent against day-to-day crime but as a safeguard against tyranny. Luckily, so did our founding fathers.

The Second Amendment, which says that "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of

a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed," is perhaps the individual's most important right.

As history has shown, the armed citizen is sometimes the greatest protector of individual rights, which have often come under threat from their own governments. The idea that the District of Columbia and other legislatures such as Chicago's should ban personal handguns is not only unconstitutional and nonsensical, but demonstrates an ignorance or underappreciation of the events of the twentieth century.

The Bill of Rights was incorporated into the constitution to protect the individual rights of the American people, and included in it is the right to defend one's self. Although some argue that the threat from guns is outdated, a study by Northwestern University School of Law found that Americans use guns to defend themselves from criminals between 1,900,000 and 2,500,000 times per year. Not only does the right to bear arms protect against in-the-moment threats, it also deters.

After enacting a "right to carry arms" law in 1987, the state of Florida saw a 36 percent decrease in its homicide rate, a 37 percent decrease in its firearm homicide rate and a 41 percent decrease in its handgun homicide rate, according to the FBI Uniform Crime Statistics.

Many still argue against the Second Amendment on the basis that guns cause many tragic domestic accidents, however the National Center for Health Statistics found only 1.5 percent of all fatal accidents were caused by firearms.

Interestingly enough, present day arguments against gun control sound awfully similar to the arguments of the Weimar Republic, whose legislation and consequences I mentioned earlier. This was legislation that was enacted to "get firearms that have done so much damage away from the hands of unauthorized persons."

One could even go as far as to compare the racist intention of Nazi Germany's gun control laws to the present day situation of

Washington D.C., a city in which close to seventy percent of its citizens are minorities. And how did DC fare with its gun control ban?

Did crime stop? Did fatal accidents stop? Was the trigger happy culture replaced with one of peace and harmony?

Actually, between 1976, the year the ban was enacted, and 1991, Washington D.C.'s homicide rate rose 200 percent. That is 88 percent more than the national average.

The Supreme Court should overthrow the ban, if anything out of D.C.'s local interest. The issue of gun control has been long overdue in the legal system. The Second Amendment is not a paranoid principle of our two hundred year old founding fathers, but a prophecy based on history and political experience.

The right to bear arms allows the individual to protect his or her own rights against criminals and against tyranny.

Still not convinced?

That's O.K.; neither were the people of Germany.

Peace conference nothing but empty promises and photo opportunity

BY DAN MENAGED

THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

The United States brought together representatives from the greatest powers in the Middle East last week in Annapolis, Maryland.

The official premise of the conference was to create a framework for peace between Israel and the Palestinians.

I ran through the possibilities of why President Bush chose now to start peace negotiations, starting with the most logical: the assumption that now is a promising time for peace in the region.

The West Bank is under the control of President Mahmoud Abbas, the supposedly moderate leader of Fatah.

This seems to give the Israelis the partner for peace they have needed all along. Could the time have come for peace in the Middle East?

I soon realized the implausibility of this having prompted the peace conference.

In fact there are far more reasons why now is one of the worst times in recent history to hold such a peace conference.

Putting aside the fallacy of considering Abbas a moderate, there is a plethora of reasons peace between Israel and the Palestinians is not realistic in the foreseeable future.

On the Palestinian side, Abbas has virtually no power in the West Bank.

Most intelligence assessments state that an Israeli withdrawal would lead to a Hamas takeover mirroring that in Gaza earlier this year.

Their popularity wanes even in Ramallah, the cornerstone of the Fatah controlled West Bank, where Hamas won the recent mayoral election.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud

Olmert is also weak. This is a man who has an approval rating matched only by Bush. Olmert lacks the political power to make any major concessions to the Palestinians.

Even if Abbas and Olmert are considered the rightful representatives of their people, neither has shown the desire for a peace deal.

The Fatah-controlled media continues to broadcast propaganda supporting suicide bombers as martyrs and depicting Israelis as savages.

A report on the Annapolis conference showed Israel being erased from the map and replaced by a Palestinian flag.

Does this sound like a group ready for peace? On the Israeli side, Olmert has stated that peace negotiations cannot achieve anything until the Palestinians show the willingness and ability to stop violence against Israeli citizens.

But recently, and not surprisingly, Olmert's criterion is not being met.

Given all this, how could the United States believe that now is the right time to discuss peace in the Middle East?

Some propose that Bush is making a last ditch effort to solve this ancient conflict, as Clinton did in his waning days as president. Although this could be Bush's desire, he would not have called this conference for that reason alone.

The evidence against a peace agreement in the near future is too strong for him to try to stake his legacy on what is certain to be a failure. Bush is well aware of both Clinton's failure, as well as his own disastrous attempts to create a Road Map for Peace earlier in his presidency.

The true motivations for the Annapolis Peace Conference become evident only when you take a more general look at recent

U.S. foreign policy.

The focus of the Bush administration has been on Iran and its pursuit of nuclear weapons. Bush has been intent on stopping Iran from developing these weapons by bringing international pressure.

Bush has looked to the UN Security Council to support sanctions on Iran. Simultaneously, the United States has been building a coalition against Iran.

Most Arab nations in this particular region fear the power of an Iran with nuclear capabilities, which, in part, has allowed for the this movement to have had some success.

The Annapolis Peace Conference brought these states together for the first time during this period. Although the technical topic was Israeli-Palestinian peace, the subject turned to Iran for some

time behind closed doors.

Reports emerging from the conference even said there were signs of Syria softening its stance towards the United States.

Wooing Syria away from the Iranians would completely isolate Iran and force them to give up their nuclear ambition.

Despite recent revelations that the Iranian nuclear arms program was paused in 2003, President Bush has strengthened his rhetoric against the regime.

Once again, he reverberated behavior toward a foreign regime that seems all too eerily familiar.

Although progress on Israeli-Palestinian peace did not result from the conference in Annapolis, America achieved its main objective of the meeting, strengthening its coalition against Iran.

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Religious sensitivity, radicalism reason enough to become less involved

Of course you have heard the news by now. A few weeks ago, a British schoolteacher named Gillian Gibbons, who had been selflessly donating her time

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to needy children in the third world state of Sudan, was arrested by that nation's Arab-led government (the very same government which is committing mass genocide against Africans in Darfur).

The arrest came after she polled her class of 7 year olds on what they should name the class teddy bear, a completely innocuous and innocent act in which nearly all of us partook in some fashion when we were in kindergarten and nursery school (I, for one, still remember my 'Mommy & Me' teddy bear picnics back in 1989).

Well, the class voted, and, in honor of the most well-liked student in the class, chose to name the teddy bear "Mohammed."

You can pretty much guess what happened next.

Without knowing it, Ms. Gibbons's pupils and their cute, cuddly, button-nosed menace to Islam ignited an international firestorm of controversy. The teacher was accused of "insulting Islam" (Islam is strictly iconoclastic -- that is to say, images or representations of Mohammed are strictly forbidden) and detained.

Despite the fact that all of the students in her class, and many of their parents, as well as the West at large, had objected that her actions were not at all meant to be even remotely insulting, after a show trial before a Sudanese "court," Ms. Gibbons was actually found guilty of this ludicrous charge.

Ms. Gibbons was sentenced to a fortnight in jail (though she could have faced capital

punishment according to Sudan's absurdly perplexing mix of British common law and Islamic Sharia law).

The very next day, hard-line jihadists (of the very same caliber as those who release a new videotape taunting America and Europe every two months or so) took to the streets, demanding capital punishment for Ms. Gibbons.

Imagine! The death penalty for naming a teddy bear the most common male name on Earth (and you thought Texas was liberal with their use of the death penalty).

I could forgive you for believing that this story is ripped straight out of a Jonathan Swift satire, or that it's an April Fool's Day joke.

Yet sadly, the fact is that it is real. And were this issue not so deadly serious in its broader implications for the ongoing struggle between the Muslim World, and Western modernity, it would be comically farcical.

But instead, it is a stark and chilling reminder of the lengths to which Islam's fanatics will go in imposing their theocratic brand of authoritarianism upon the world. Just as the Soviet Union sought the establishment of a Great Red Empire, these fanatics, too, seek the establishment of an ultra Puritanical Islamic Caliphate stretching from Indonesia to Spain.

While Sept. 11 should have been enough cause for the West to realize that Islamic radicals are not bluffing, sadly, it was not.

It jolted Americans out of our delusional bubble of naiveté, to be sure. But I fear that we have not yet fully realized the nature of our sworn enemies.

Rather than take to the streets with equal moral outrage at the acts of barbarism committed by mentally delusional troglodytes with a decades' old axe to

grind against America and the former British Empire, we in the West -- particularly the U.S., Great Britain, and Canada -- have passively accepted these increasingly absurd and increasingly intolerant overreactions to the simplest of acts as being acceptable forms of human behavior.

One only needs to recall the uproar over the Danish newspaper cartoons of Mohammed as a perfect example of this. And we have done this for the most asinine of reasons: moral relativism and political correctness.

Yet the straight and unvarnished truth is that this is not acceptable human behavior. There are limits to moral relativism, despite what so-called academics like Noam Chomsky will tell you. And humanity has witnessed that recent behavior over the past 20 years by Islam's militants constitutes irrationality on an almost incomprehensible scale.

Taking to the streets and demanding the literal beheading of a school teacher for naming a teddy bear after a little boy, or protesting an unflattering depiction of a prophet in a European newspaper by rioting, killing and burning, or even demanding that Pope Benedict XVI be beheaded for quoting a 14th century Byzantine emperor in an academic speech in Germany are but three of the most recent examples of Muslim lunacy.

As Fred Sanford (on "Sanford & Son") used to say, this is a problem which we need to "nip in the bud." We must isolate and contain the Al Qaeda types by minimizing our interactions with the Middle East entirely until it is ready to embrace the modernity that 75 percent of humanity has already embraced.

If we continue to support Muslim dictators like the Saudi Royal Family, Hosni Mubarak

of Egypt, and Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan while unyieldingly favoring Israel, as keystones of our foreign policy, we will only fuel more irrational behavior.

For it is the poverty, oppression, religious zealotry and tyranny of many of America's so-called Middle Eastern "allies" that allows hatred, conspiracy and rumor to flourish amongst their populaces.

Ending our support for corrupt regimes such as those will go a long way toward minimizing the appeal of groups like Al Qaeda and Hamas.

Furthermore, our military and foreign aid presences in the region must also be reduced. America was never meant to be an empire on its own, nor was it meant to assume the mantle of the British Empire.

And our downright imperial behavior in the Middle East in search of petroleum has meant that Americans have been forced to clean-up the detritus left behind by 200 years of European colonialism. We have no right to use our military might to intimidate the Middle East into giving us (and not China or India) their oil.

At the same time, we also have no moral or political obligation to send foreign aid (monetary or otherwise) to Sudan, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Israel or any other Middle Eastern country.

The only way to limit the threat we face from the teddy bear terrorists is to isolate them from the rest of the world, by ignoring them completely.

Once we reduce our interference in their affairs and cut off all of our foreign aid to them (as well as our foreign aid to Israel) -- effectively ignoring the Middle East -- perhaps, and I may be wrong, we will be better off. Although I sure hope that I am right.

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Hellyeah rolls into Baltimore with 'Balls' tour

By LAILA HANSON
ARTS & SOCIETY EDITOR

In a musical age where chart-topping songs include completely electronically generated instrumentals and risqué lyrics, it is refreshing to see bands getting back to the basics of rock and roll.

On Wednesday at Ram's Head Live, southern rocker/metal super group Hellyeah hit Baltimore full-force, with self-played instruments and self-written, meaningful lyrics. The band, which has made headlines because of its lineup, is currently on their Balls, Volume and Strength Tour with New York hardcore fiends Bloodsimple and the LA-based metal driven, spoken word-inspired Otep.

Hellyeah released their debut self-titled album earlier this year, and already sales are topping a quarter of a million. This may be due to the fact that the band is made up of a wide array of metal gods. Former Pantera and Damageplan drummer Vinnie Paul is a crowd favorite at every live show. When Paul was still in Damageplan, a drunken fan at a show shot down and killed his brother and band mate, not to mention legendary guitarist, Dimebag Darrell Abbott. Hellyeah is the first band that Paul has played in since this incident. Former tattoo artist Bob Zilla is Hellyeah's bassist, also from Damageplan. Guitarist Greg Tribbett from Mudvayne has also worked with Otep on their latest album, helping to both write and play in the recording process. Tom Maxwell of Baltimore-based Nothingface is the second guitarist, rounding up the heavy sound. Finally, Mudvayne vocalist Chad Gray provides the power-driven, dirty rock feel of the whole band.

The concert opened up with a guttural adaptation of The Doors', "The End" playing. This signaled the entrance of Bloodsimple, who sauntered out, drunken and flawless in stance. Wearing a plaid shirt with ripped off arms, vocalist Tim Williams roared during each song, never once taking a break to breathe or wet his lips. Although lacking in a lot of stage movement, Bloodsimple instilled heated screams and jumps from the crowd, warming up for Otep and Hellyeah.

Otep, in sharp contrast to Bloodsimple, was all about stage props and theatrics. With each song came a story, with the physical performance of lead singer Otep Shamaya matching up to the intensity of the shocking lyrics. The three instrumentalists, bassist Evil J, drummer Brian Wolff and guitarist Aaron Nordstrom were all clad in Otep-brand hoodies and sunken eye makeup, setting a mood of deep ambience.

Opening with fast moving T.R.I.C, off the band's "Jihad" EP was a smart move. Combining hip hop roots with heavy metal bass lines, the acronym stands for "The Revolution is Coming" and encourages people to strike against society with poetry and spoken word.

After the audience was high from this initial verbal battle remedy, Otep moved into one of their newest songs, "Confrontation." Off "The Acension," which came out on October 30th, the song is a commentary on striking back against "the tyrant race." With lyrics like "Stand up, speak out, strike back!" it was clear that this song was written to inspire fans to take a stand against suppressing figures of authority. Standing on a bass drum-shaped platform covered with stickers and artwork, Shamaya pumped her fist in rhythm with the song.

Soon after, "Confrontation," Shamaya



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Southern metal supergroup Hellyeah performed at Ram's Head Live in Baltimore on Wednesday.

donned a muslin bag over her head while singing the crowd favorite "My Confession" from the band's first full-length album, "Sevas Tra." After this, she fake struggled to move the platform, almost mime-like, before singing the short song, "Tortured." Although lyrically shocking, the song provided a little bit of humor as Shamaya provided a stuck up middle finger, smiling towards the audience when singing the lyric "so I didn't have to go to church that day."

Another highlight of Otep's set included a Nirvana cover, "Breed." Shamaya sung with signature Cobain style sunglasses, and enveloped the audience with her individualized finger pointing and winks. Another interesting prop was a black fishnet

stocking that Shamaya wore over her head during the metaphysical, "Ghostflowers," and a George Bush-inspired mask thrust on a stick and held up during, "Warhead."

After bowing and prancing offstage theatrically, Otep finished up their set, paving the way for Hellyeah.

The entrance of Paul provided more cheers, whistles and "Hell Yeah!"s from the audience than any other entrance or song of the night. The set opened with Chad Gray freely admitting that he was incredibly hung over and drunk at the same time, as well as sick, and that the front row of people should be prepared for flying snot.

Hellyeah sang every song from their album, leaving the audience shaking with

adrenaline. One of the first songs they sang was the rough, loud "Nausea," which, according to Gray, "represents what all of us are feeling right now." Gray thrust his arm and fist towards the audience several times, pounding the arms of some lucky fans. Fan favorites "Goddamn" and "Alcoholin' Ass" induced moshing and crowd surfing, with Gray's vocal strength driving people wild.

With a somber tone, Hellyeah dedicated the slow-moving "Thank You" to the men and women of the armed forces. Paul stood up from his looming drum kit at the back of the stage and encouraged the audience to cheer louder, so "my man Dime upstairs can hear y'all." This was a good tactic, as hundreds of Pantera fans started screaming loudly, warming up the temperature at Ram's Head.

As the show wrapped up, Gray mentioned how awesome the tour was going. "We've just been getting drunk every night, playing hung-over every evening, and having a whole lot of fucking fun. And we're going to continue to do that. Thank you. You've been great."

With bands like Hellyeah keeping the music full of energy and positive work strain, the charts might be able to redeem themselves after all.

Before the show at Ram's Head, I was able to talk to lead singer Otep Shamaya of Otep as well as bassist Bob Zilla of Hellyeah. Turn to page 14 for opinions on the modern music and cultural scene from some metal greats.

Chordbusters sets the holiday mood



JESSE DEFLORIO/GREYHOUND

On Friday and Saturday night, the Loyola College all female and all male a capella singing groups, the Belles and the Chimes filled McManus with a joyous variety of tunes with their twice annual event, Chordbusters. The songs represented a wide range of genres and arrangements (as well as interesting dance moves.) The Belles and the Chimes also entertained audiences with their own skits before the night of singing commenced. To read about highlights of the performances and see more images, turn to page 12. Pictures above, the Chimes kick off their set with a performance of Mute Math's hit "Typical".

A capella groups cheer Loco with skits and spice



JESSE DEFLOIRIO/GREYHOUND

Sophomore Wolfgang Tatschl didn't hesitate to get emotional while singing Dispatch's "Flying Horses".

BY RAVEN SMITH
STAFF WRITER

December has officially begun, and for the Loyola College community, that means three things: an overabundance of holiday cheer, cramming for soul-crushing, GPA-centric final projects and exams, and Chordbusters. As a long-standing tradition of the campus, Chordbusters always pulls in a crowd, and the performances this weekend were no exception.

Like in years past, the buzz for the show was everywhere, with lines for tickets stretching to Salsa Rico from the McManus box office --an easy 50-yards-- two hours before the tickets went on sale Wednesday morning. As to be expected, tickets sold out within minutes, leaving many a music fan dejected and scouring the campus for friends to bum tickets off of. Opening night, there were even multiple attempts of people sneaking into the performance, with many on the theatre staff having to round them up and shoo them away.

Why all the crazed behavior over a concert? Unlike many of the shows here on campus, Chordbusters is notoriously unpredictable -- you simply never know what you're going to get when those houselights go down. Featuring the school's a capella singing groups, The Belles and The Chimes, McManus theatre was packed to the brim with at least 400 or so lucky ticket holders, all vying for seats to the hit show. (This reporter was even forced to take shelter in the theatre technician's chair, perched high above the crowd, in order to catch a glimpse of the musical madness that was about to befall McManus and its patrons.)

The show started off with a hilarious skit by The Belles, entitled "How the Grinch Stole Chordbusters," detailing the escapades of the mean, green menace and his dog Max on their quest to purchase Chordbusters tickets. Unfortunately, they are unsuccessful and even resort to kidnapping one Cindy-Lou Belle in order to try and stop the show. Alas, not even a kidnapping



JESSE DEFLOIRIO/GREYHOUND

Senior Callie Goff belted out a solo performance of, "Wake Up Call," pleasing the crowd.



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The Belles added a new spin to their performance by singing a Spice Girls montage of songs, with some ladies even donning the famous platform shoes.



JESSE DEFLOIRIO/GREYHOUND

The Chimes worked well together to solidify a boy band image, but they also showed their unique side with soulful performances of songs by artists such as The Roots, and digital pop group Daft Punk.

can stop The Belles from spreading a little well-needed Christmas cheer, and the Grinch lets her rejoin her friends, but not before proclaiming "Next year, I'll go after The Chimes!" and running off into the night. After the skit, the Belles got down to business with renditions of songs ranging from Stevie Wonder's "Superstition" to Alanis Morissette's "Hands Clean," much to the crowd's delight. A wonderful performance of India Arie's "The Heart of the Matter" came from junior Stephanie Lenow, while a performance of "Wake Up Call" by senior Callie

among their female fans as Loyola's resident "boy band," but performances such as covers of Billy Joel's classic "And So It Goes" and The Roots' "Seed 2.0" mixed with Ram Jam's hit "Black Betty" were anything but cookie-cutter. A soulful performance of Van Morrison's "Crazy Love" by junior Matt Crossett oozed cool, but it was the final encore medley of songs by techno duo Daft Punk, lead by juniors Mark Galgano and Crossett, and sophomores Peter Bartels and Alex Duff that brought the house down in a flurry of synchronized robot moves and cheers.

Even after the houselights had gone up, it was easy to see why Chordbusters has become such a treasured and celebrated part of the Loyola College school year.

From start to finish, both groups went into the night's performance with the sole intent of having fun, putting on a great show, and giving the audience a temporary break from the threat of finals and present-induced credit card debt for approximately two hours.

The laughs may be what bring the people to the show, but the talent and dedication that these student-run singing groups put forth year after year keep them coming back for more.

Goff became an instant crowd favorite.

The Belles closed out the first half of the show with a spirited Spice Girls medley, with Belles members Goff, senior Kelly Birzes, junior Erin Ruane and sophomores Megan Faletra, and Nicola McQuiston stepping into those famous platform shoes and pumping up the Girl Power.

Next came The Chimes, or the "Tone Rangers," as they alerted the audience at the beginning of their set. They began their half of the show by paying homage to reality TV guilty pleasure, *I Love New York* with their skit, *I Love Salt Lake City*. Featuring such well-known and bizarre contestants as Chef Boyardee, Bill Cosby, a Pine tree and "That guy that shows up on every reality television show you've ever seen" (yeah, THAT guy), vying for

the attention of Ms. Salt Lake, The Chimes were able to garner quite a few laughs out of the crowd. Like their female counterparts, whom they ceremoniously dubbed "The Rangettes," The Chimes wasted no time moving from the silly to the singing. Renditions of The Wonders' "That Thing You Do!" and Akon's "Don't Matter" helped cement The Chimes' status

Black Friday deals are hypocritically enjoyable

BY MATT GWIN
STAFF WRITER

Driving in my car on Black Friday Eve (that's also Thanksgiving to some people) I could not escape commercial after commercial on the radio of endless store advertisements. At first it was just obnoxious. The same bad Christmas jingles on top of a bombardment of giveaways, hours of operation and sales gimmicks. By about the eighth one, however, those catchy little tunes depressed me.

Black Friday, like so many other things in American culture, is something that began with the best of intentions and has been corrupted and distorted by multi million dollar retailers that try to convince people that they really need that twelve-speed blender that can cut sheet rock. I mean, for 40% today, and today only, who can resist? What was once a way to help business get out of the "red" and make a profit for the year now marks the kick off to the most consumer-driven month of the year.

My biggest qualm was that some stores were opening at 4:30 a.m. Basically this is not only a way to increase sales, it actually cuts into people's Thanksgiving holiday. Without being too melodramatic, this really is a tragedy for numerous reasons. Thanksgiving is the one time of the year that people get together and enjoy each others presence because they want to, not because

there is the promise of a gift. That really is the whole point isn't it? So why are we going to bed at eight o'clock at night to get up at 4 a.m. to shop for stuff that we do not need?

the mall areas. If you are one of those crazy fanatics, you might be pressed against a department store glass door waiting for the manager to unlock the door so you can run in waving your arms and screaming like a

Buy in the early evening to watch the caged animals fight over the last 75 replacement lens cap for their camera. Walking around, there are price slashes everywhere and I remain unaffected. Besides, I can't afford to be sucked in.

Then, it happens. I stumble upon the HBO series that are 50% off. I slowly begin to break. So now I am just another part of the horde as I sweat feverishly over the epic decision of buying five seasons of *The Sopranos* or the entire *Six Feet Under* series. As a wrestle over this decision I decide to make some additions to my Entourage collection, grab my brother's birthday gift, and a few stocking stuffers for the girlfriend. Finally I go with the Sopranos and I am elated. So I walk up to the counter with five seasons of the *Sopranos*, three *Entourage* season three B, two *Entourage* season three A, and the first season of the *Flight of the Conchords*. Without even trying I spend 280 bucks.

Walking out of the store, I realized that not only did I just acquire more seasons of television than I know what to do with, but I could also be the biggest hypocrite in the tri-state

area.

Maybe Black Friday isn't all that bad, but people still need to put things in perspective. More importantly, Black Friday should never in any way disrupt your Thanksgiving. Remember, when it comes down to it, you can't take the material stuff with you, so enjoy the things that are free.



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It is easy for most people to poke fun at the crazy hordes of Black Friday shoppers, but sometimes the day-after-Thanksgiving sales are tempting even for the non-conformist.

Here is an accurate sketch of what Black Friday really is for the average shopper. The day begins around 5 a.m. and chances are you are still hung over or drunk from the night before because you did not get to sleep until one. Bursting fourth out into the cold, dark, dreary early morning you merge onto empty highways only to find traffic around

lunatic. Chances are, the rest of us saw you on the local news that night. Now that you have finally made it in, you scramble to find the best deal, buying things that family and friends might want. This pattern generally continues until the money runs out.

Now, because I believe that I am above the whole conformity thing, I head over to Best



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Otep Shamaya, vocalist and namesake of Otep, strives for evolution daily.

BY LAILA HANSON
ARTS & SOCIETY EDITOR

Vocalist Otep Shamaya of Otep

Laila Hanson: I'm a very big fan of yours. I can't wait to see you perform tomorrow in Baltimore.

Otep Shamaya: Righteous, thank you. We are having a lot of fun on this tour

LH: Yeah, I've noticed that you've been on the road quite some time. I remember seeing you about a year ago in Fletcher's, and you were on tour for awhile before then, too. You ever get sick of it?

OS: We've been out for about 6 weeks now - the monotony of it all does get to me sometimes but the time I have on stage, to play and perform our music, makes it all worthwhile.

LH: I'm glad to hear that. How's the reaction been with the new album live?

OS: It's been tremendous and overwhelmingly positive. It always surprises me to see people singing with us. The album has only been out for a month!

LH: I've noticed you've had a lot of fan interaction on your new album *The Acension*, especially via the internet. I know that I've personally demanded Otep in numerous cities on and around this area via Eventful.com. Have you gotten a lot of positive feedback with this?

OS: Yes, the feedback has been wonderful. I enjoy being exclusively inclusive with fans and supporters of our music.

LH: In the midst of all of *The Acension* promotion, you've released some poetry books too, *Caught Screaming* and *Little Sins*. Do a lot of your poems find their way into your lyric writing?

OS: All songs begin as poems. Before music, there was poetry. And yes, I am a sadistic scribbler. I write constantly and whenever creating an album or poetry book or whatever I will look back through my books to see if there is anything viable or

meaningful to me.

LH: Do you think you're going to keep up with poetry releases in addition to your music?

OS: Yes. I will always write - as long as there is breath in me.

LH: I've read that you're a big fan of Hunter S. Thompson and Jack Kerouac. What do you think of the popularity of today's memoir compared with their style?

OS: The beat poets were trying to recreate poetry. They were revolutionaries. Their war was with the archaic, rigid rules that were suffocating interest in poetry. There's few people trying to do that these days, I wish there were more.

LH: I notice with *The Acension* that it has huge range. You seem to really be proving that you're not only a great lyricist, but showing more of your vocal range. What would you say sparked this evolution?

OS: Personal, creative, and spiritual evolution is something that I strive for daily.

LH: What's it been like both touring and writing with Greg Tribbett?

OS: Greg is a great writer, performer, player...and a great person.

LH: Glad to hear that, I'm sure both of you will continue to blow your fans away. Thank you so much, Otep.

OS: Thank you for the interview and for your belief and support in my music. I really appreciate it.

Bassist Bob Zilla of Hellyeah

Bob Zilla: What's up, Laila?

Laila Hanson: Not too much. It's kinda cold out there. How do you like the weather?

BZ: I love it, man. You know, being from Texas, you don't get much snow. Actually, we got snow in Dallas, but it doesn't stick and it's not...really snow. So yeah, I'm loving it.

LH: Your album just came out this year and you already have over 200,000 album sales. What's that feel like? Did you expect it?

BZ: No, you never know what to expect, you know? You do this cause you just love doing it. You always hope for that, but you never know what to expect. And, you know...for this to happen, it's great. Wow. You know, people are really accepting, and have been enjoying it as much as we are. We did this, man, really, just...five guys, going around the world, getting drunk, having fun...If it does well, it does well, but either way, we're just having fun, you know? It's awesome. So, we're shooting for gold. For metal these days, man, to go gold is like going platinum.

LH: Yeah, compared to all the other music that's out there. What do you think of it?

BZ: I am fucking baffled, man. You

know? Sometimes I just lose hope in people when I see what is number one, what's most listened to. I'm like where...who are these people? I mean, I don't get it. I try to keep an open mind, I try to listen to it, give it a fair shot...but it just doesn't...I don't feel anything when I listen to it.

LH: How do you like people to listen to your music?

BZ: We always want them to buy the record. Cause...yeah, I mean, you could get it digitally. But when you go out and you buy it, it's like you're not just getting the music, but you're getting everything else that we put into it. But either way, man, the bottom line is I want people to get it.

LH: Are you planning on keeping up the Hellyeah tour for the rest of the year, or you think you guys might branch off back into your other bands?

BZ: We're going to have our last show on the 15th of December in Dallas. It's cool, cause that's where Me and Vinnie live. It's gonna be kind of a welcome home show. It's for all of us, you know? Cause Hellyeah is really kinda considered a Texas band. It started there. Then we got a break of like, 5 or 6 weeks, you know, do the holidays, let everybody else go do their thing. Then we're going back out... January 25th We're probably gonna go out for 5, 6 weeks. And then, we're done... and Chad Grey is gonna go do Mudvayne. Which I'm a huge fan of, totally. That was like a bonus you know? When I found out who was in it, I was like "Fuck yeah this is great!" I mean that's what happened to me with, Damageplan, you know? Oh my god...Vinnie and Dime, holy shit. I felt like a kid.

LH: You still feel that way?

BZ: Exactly. We'll be playing a show, and just randomly I'll look over and be like "Am I really playing with these guys? Are these really my band members? This is just too fucking cool." And, shit. It's amazing, dude. And not only that, the chemistry is just so good.



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Bob Zilla, bassist of Hellyeah and Damageplan, is still in awe of who his bandmates have been.

LH: If you could tour anyone you haven't yet, who would you go out with?

BZ: One of the bands I'd like to go out with would be Black Label Society. Hellyeah and Black Label Society. Yeah, dude, that would just be over the top. Maybe too over the top.

LH: For you guys? Come on.

BZ: Hey, I'll tell ya, I've been around Zakk and the guy's an animal. I love it, though. But Black Label would be a really fun, fun tour I think. Like, a lot of people would agree.

LH: Anything else you'd like to add?

BZ: This has been the ultimate, ultimate tour. With Damageplan, we were still under the shadow of Pantera. And it was really hard to kinda, kind of get out from under that, but towards the end, it was really about to blow up, people really accepted it. With this, it's been all, 100% Hellyeah fans. You'll see the Mudvayne shirts, the Damageplan shirts, the Pantera shirts out there, but nobody's chanting it. Everyone's just saying, "We love this." So what I want to add is just a huge thank you.

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Plenty of solid terror in Stephen King adaptation

By SARA CARR
MOVIE CRITIC

A story revolving around a haunting mist that covers a New England town may not sound so scary to the horror movie viewers of 2007.

This new-millennium crowd has been desensitized year after year by the slice and

to appease their God. All the while, the creatures of the mist begin to penetrate the store. It seems that everything, from the monsters to the fear of society, are villains in this surprising horror film with a message.

It may be shocking to say that some horror films may be smart. But the successes of *The Mist* become less of a surprise when you realize that this is the third adaptation

the monsters towards the end is that much more terrifying and shocking because you never expect to see them. It is the perfect slow boil of tension that makes the film that much better.

The cast of characters and the parts of society they represent, from the secular to the maniacal preacher, are not the freshest ideas. But the acting behind them breathes new breath into the stereotypes.

To cast the Oscar winner Harden as the cross-bearing human villain in the flick was a very smart decision. Her presence on the screen as she leads her followers only add to sense of claustrophobia

as there is nowhere to run to, as nowhere is safe.

The Mist is not without its faults. Sometimes the blatant social commentary becomes as preachy as the Evangelical. However, the greatest fault to the film

is the melodramatic ending where there seems to be no set rules on overacting or an overbearing soundtrack.

Despite these forgivable offenses



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The movie, based on a Stephen King novel, centers on a small town that is overtaken by a myserious mist in the air. In addition to the bad weather, the mist brings something else, in the form of never-seen creatures.

dice serial killers who spill enough blood by the final reel to flood the theater. However, in this well crafted (and not as bloody)

Stephen King adaptation, the fear is as thick as the air. And it only gets worse when you realize that the humans inside with you are just as dangerous as the creatures outside.

Starring in *The Mist* is a talented Thomas Jane (*The Punisher*) as David Drayton, a small town local who, after a massive storm, takes his son Billy (Nathan Gamble) to the supermarket to get supplies.

While in the store, a man comes screaming in saying that something in the mist attacked him and took his friend. The shoppers lock the doors as mist envelopes the building and the surrounding area.

As time wears on, the skeptics, including a well-cast Andre Bower; leave the store to disappear in the mist with only the sounds of screams heard.

Then an evangelical Christian, Mrs. Carmondy (Marcia Gay Harden), ropes in believers for her theory that the world is ending, only to make half of the store violent radicals looking to make a sacrifice

of a King novel from the same director behind *The Green Mile* and *The Shawshank Redemption*, Frank Darabont. Although

this film does not reach the caliber of his previous stabs at the King collection, it is still far better than 90 percent of the horror films being released in Hollywood today.

What makes the film so scary is what you don't see. The first hour of the film is brilliant in the fact that you witness few, if any, of the monsters outside of the supermarket. Instead, the implication is made while paralleling that unknown force with the growing power of the radical religious freak in Mrs. Carmondy.

The film employs the technique of showing the before and after of a murder, rather than the bloodshed itself. It is much more terrifying when you consider the fact that you have no idea where or what the killer is, rather than the obvious man with a butcher knife plotline.

The film slowly unravels secret after secret as the monsters are revealed and the reason behind their existence in America as well. But the moments in which you can see

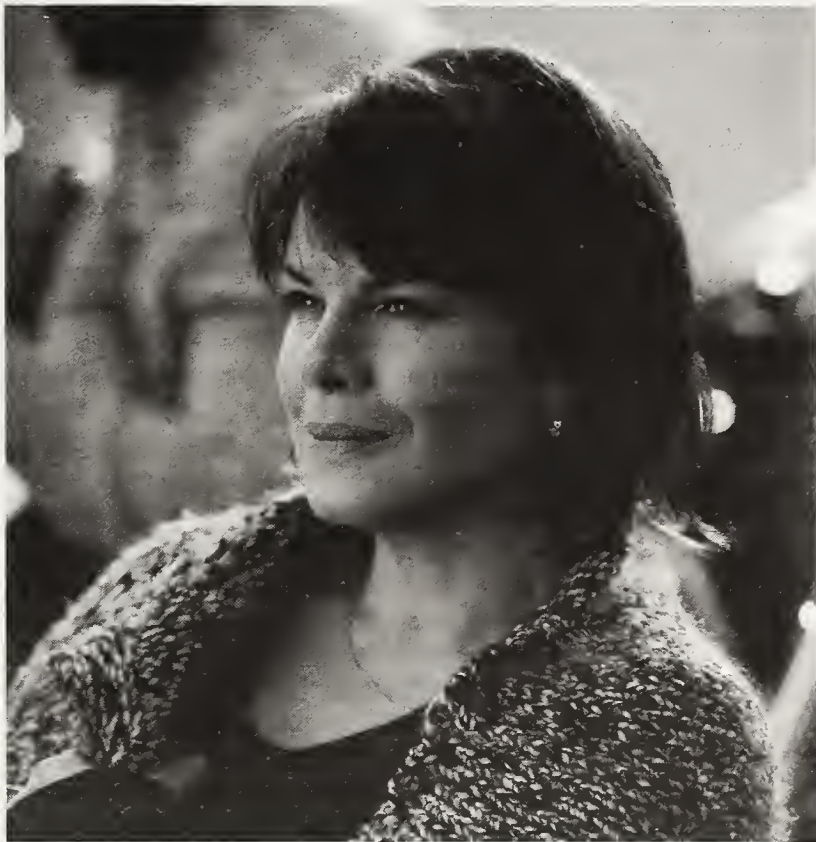


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Marcia Gay Harden is perfectly cast in "The Mist" as Mrs. Carmondy, an evangelical Christian.

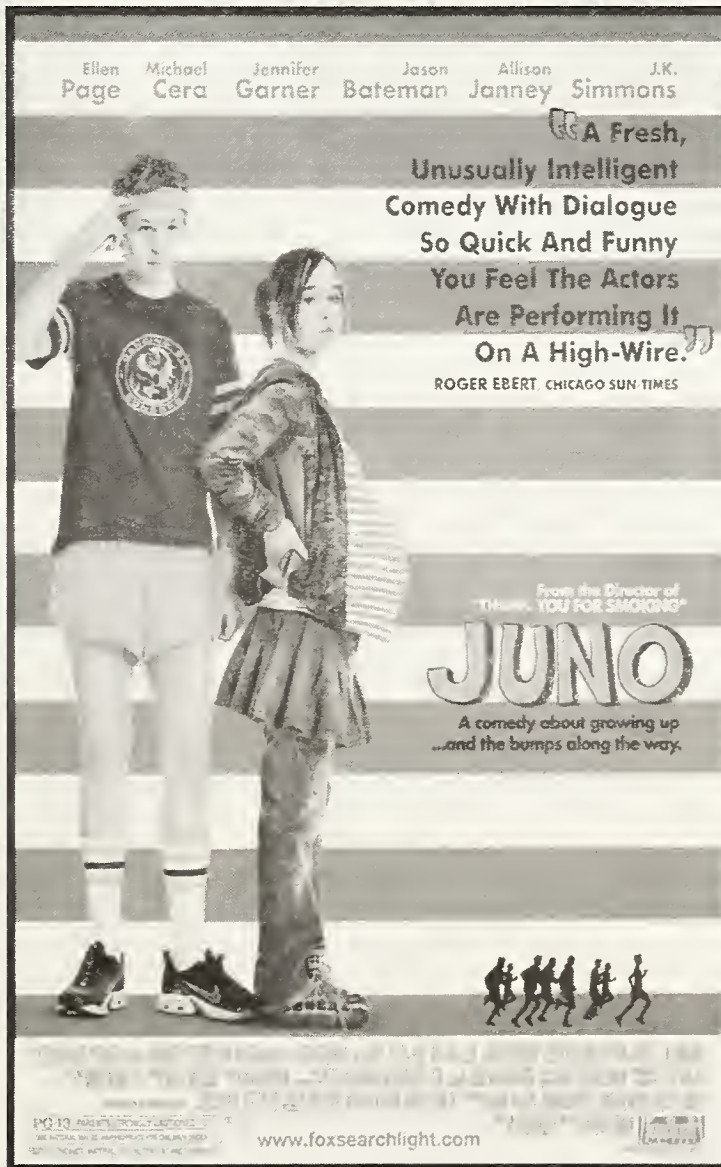
the film, especially in the first hour, is worth the weight of the fog. It is genuinely scary without the torture trends or helpless female victims. It is a different style of terror that brings back some originality to the tired horror genre.



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David Drayton takes his son to get supplies at a local grocery store when things start to go wrong.

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IN BALTIMORE DECEMBER 21

Aries (March 21-April 20) Early this week, a close friend or lover may reveal private ideas or hidden aspirations. Family planning, long-term home goals and emotional security are strong themes.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Family divisions or minor romantic disagreements are now unavoidable. After

Tuesday, expect lovers and close relatives to postpone important social plans, offer strong opinions.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) News from potential employers or business partners may this week arrive without warning. Rare financial opportunities will soon require careful discussion.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Friends disagree concerning invitations, social activities or group priorities. Planned events may be quickly changed or rescheduled. Pay special attention to private romantic attractions.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Unexpected debt or missed payments will this week require careful planning. Although resources may be low, expect reliable gains in the coming weeks.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Minor romantic or social comments may this week trigger unnecessary resentment. Choose words

Taurus (April 21-May 20) Romantic timing and social privacy are vital to the success of new relationships. Some Taureans will this week be asked to improve their daily schedules.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Messages from old friends and/or yesterday's social expectations will demand a quick response this week. Someone close may now need to clarify their past words, ideals or intentions. Remain open.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Property managers or bank officials will this week ask for detailed financial documents. If so, expect proof of legal commitments to also be required.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Over the next few days, co-workers may purposely reveal mistaken facts or private information about a colleague. Emotional outbursts may be unavoidable.

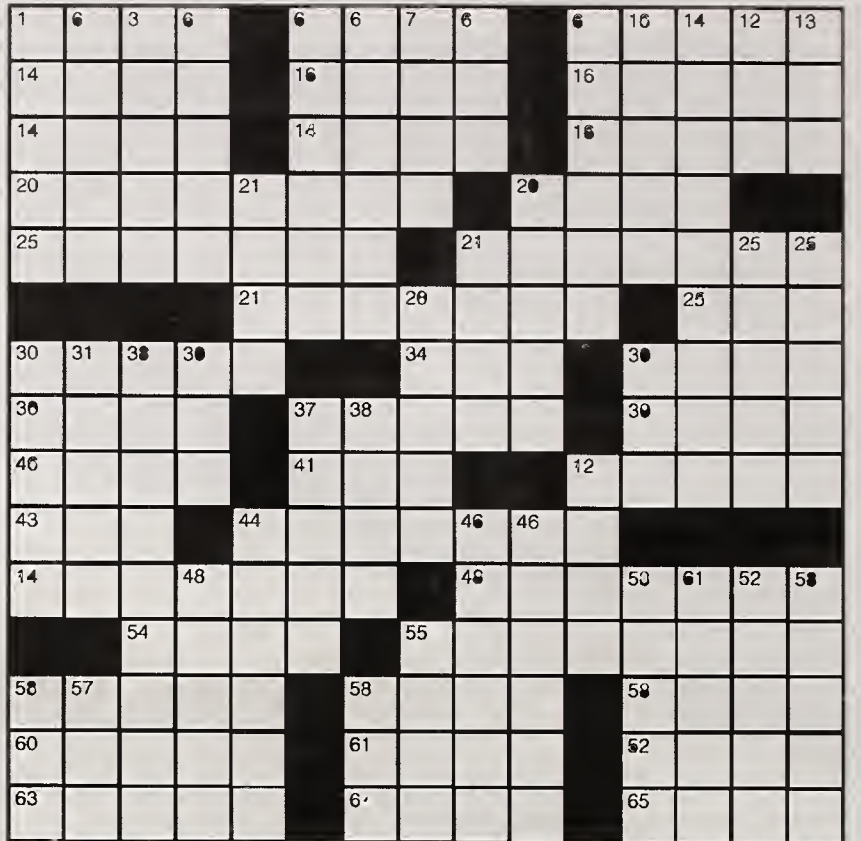
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Quotas, team

accomplishment and successful contracts are now a top priority for authority figures. Before mid-week, key officials will attempt to sway opinions.

Crossword

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Solutions to last week's puzzle

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carefully and clearly explain all private intentions. At present, loved ones may feel misunderstood or isolated.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) Mistaken facts and

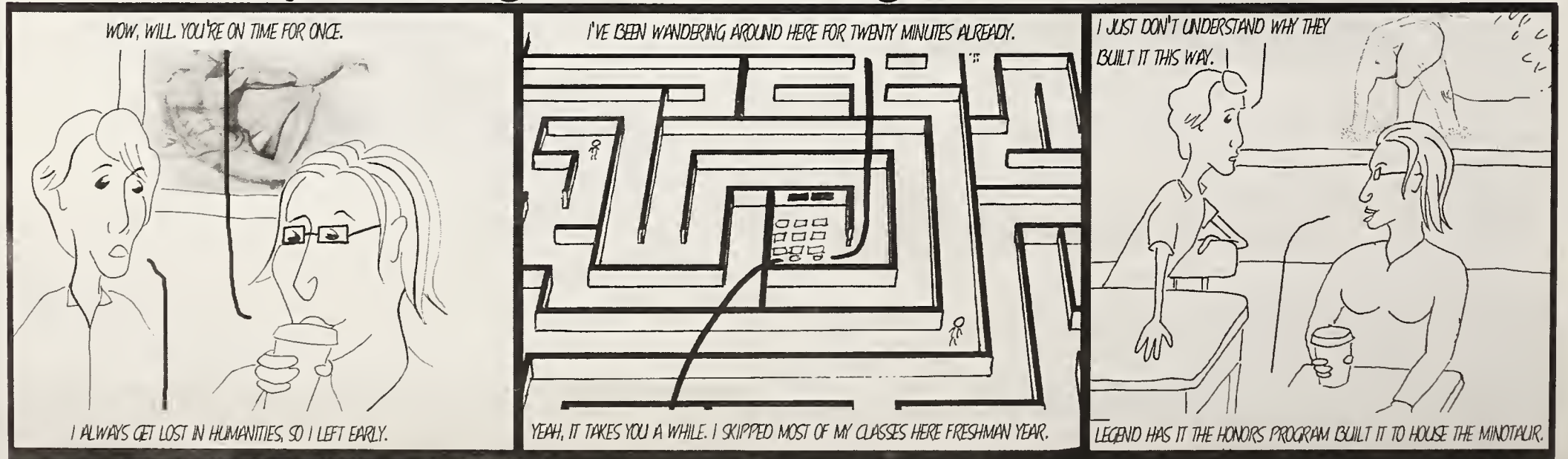
cancelled invitations will this week be emotionally draining. After Monday, expect close friends and lovers to openly criticize group plans.

If your birthday is

this week: The coming few months will usher in complex social and family changes. After mid-January, expect long-term friends and relatives to need extra approval for their home plans.

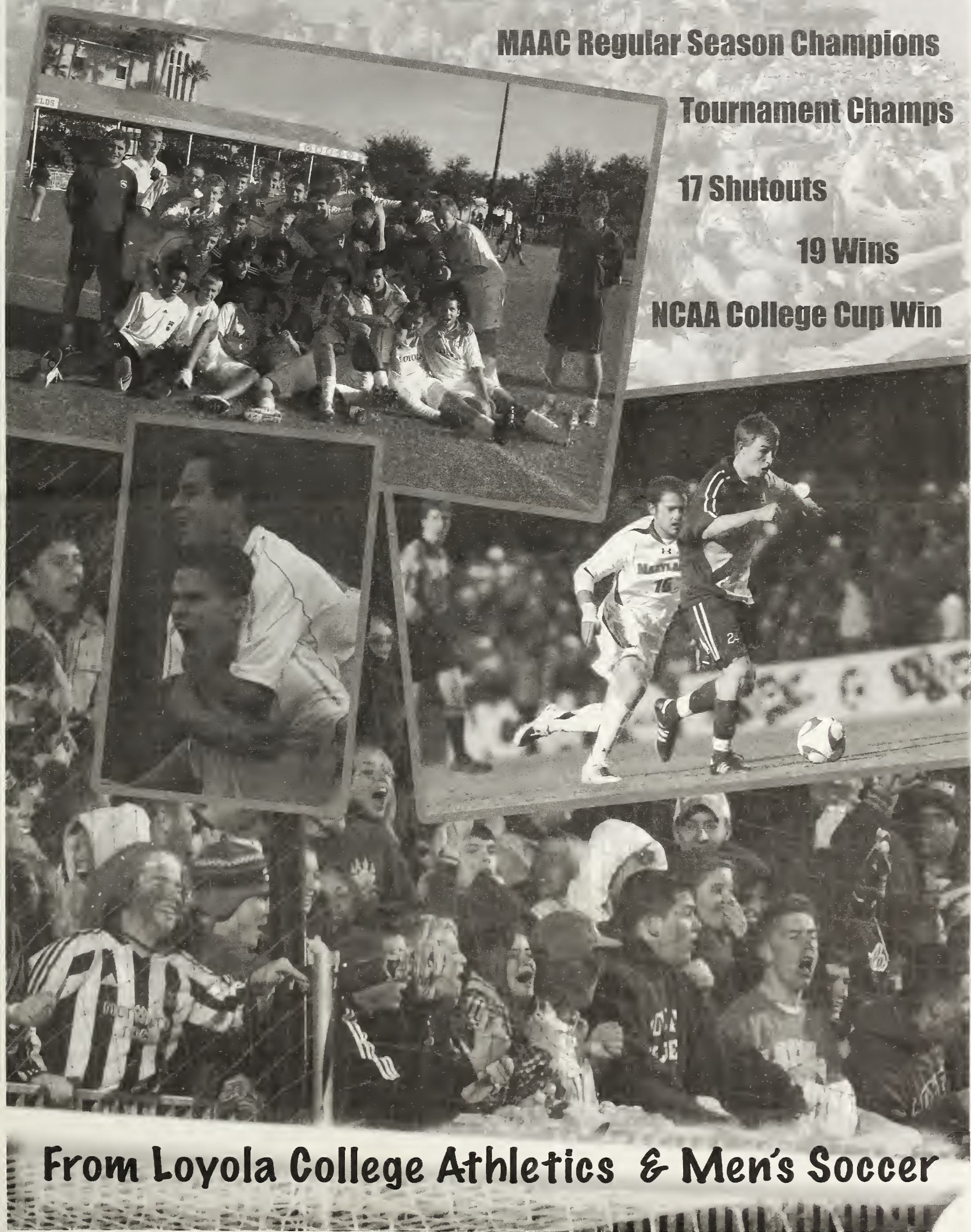
Will Butler, College Freshman

By Kevin Hughes and Dan Corrigan



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From Loyola College Athletics & Men's Soccer



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Blind swimmer Phil Scholz sets American record

Women on a roll at Reitz

By PETE THEIS
STAFF WRITER

Fresh off of winning their first MAAC game of the season, the Loyola women's basketball team defeated a tough Canisius squad 55-53 on Sunday afternoon. The Greyhounds, who were down by as many as seven, fought back to squeak out the victory.

"Every game will be a battle in the MAAC," head coach Joe Logan said. "We definitely have to win every home game," stated Coach Logan.

In the first half, Canisius got hot from the floor, connecting on many of their shots and

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KLARE FRANK / GREYHOUND
Siobhan Prior has had the "hot hand."



KAT KIENLE / GREYHOUND

Loyola's offense finally found its way on Sunday against Manhattan after struggling for three straight games.

Hounds back with vengeance against Jaspers after falling flat against Gaels

By DAVE LOMONICO
SPORTS EDITOR
&
By KAT KIENLE
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

After an embarrassing loss to Iona in their Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference opener on Friday, a revived Loyola men's basketball squad reestablished themselves as conference threats with a 77-54 victory over Manhattan Sunday afternoon at Reitz Arena.

Sophomore guard Brett Harvey recorded a double-double with a career-high 11 assists and 10 rebounds, while the Greyhounds (5-5, 1-1 MAAC) shot 51.7 percent from the field to clinch the win and keep Loyola undefeated at home.

"It was a good game. As bad as we played Friday night, we played really hard today,"

'Keep the faith' in LC

By BRIAN HUNGARTER
COLUMNIST

The 2007-08 campaign was the most highly anticipated season in recent Loyola men's basketball history, as the team was predicted to finish second in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference according to their preseason poll, receiving five first place votes. Granted, the season has not started exactly the way a majority of the fan base envisioned, but the team is still in great position to achieve their season goals of a MAAC championship and staying

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head coach Jimmy Patsos said. "Our kids learned a valuable lesson today to never give up on yourself. It looks like the Loyola students have given up on us. That's too bad. We'll try harder."

In a game where they never came close to relinquishing the lead, the Greyhounds asserted themselves early, going on an unanswered 15-0 run by the 14:42 mark. The Jaspers, who were unable to slow down the tempo and shot just 25 percent from the field, soon found themselves at a 22-2 disadvantage just 8:30 into the game.

"I thought we had a little size advantage if we wanted to go inside and we did," Patsos said. "So we went inside, and I think that opens things up on the outside as well."

The Loyola defense continued to create opportunities around the net, snagging six steals in the first half and out-rebounding

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Camaioni a developing force at outside hitter

By DAVE LOMONICO
SPORTS EDITOR

Her nervous laugh shows she still just a freshman, but little else about Nina Camaioni, Loyola's star volleyball player, would suggest she's anything but a seasoned veteran. Her work ethic, court awareness and knowledge of the game are unrivaled for a player straight out of high school, her strong outside hitting is perhaps the best in the conference and her calm demeanor exudes and inspires confidence.

"Not a lot of freshmen could have come in and accomplished what she's done," Loyola head coach Kristina Hernandez said.

Freshman? Not a chance. She's a complete offensive player. Her 441 kills from the outside hitter position led a team of veteran players on the best Loyola squad in over a decade. She can play defense. She finished second on the squad with 520 digs. And she can serve, too. She recorded 47 aces, which also happens to lead the team. Freshman?



LARRY FRENCH / LOYOLA ATHLETICS

Nina Camaioni is just a freshman, but she plays like a seasoned veteran.

These are a senior's numbers.

No freshman could dominate a game like Camaioni did against Marist back on Sept. 23 when she recorded a school record 36 digs to go along with 18 kills. No freshman could consistently put up 15 kills a game. No freshman could cause the opposition to game plan around her. And no freshman could lead the Greyhounds to a 22-win season -- their most since 1992 -- and a No. 3 seed in the MAAC Tournament, just one year after finishing with 10 victories. The Hounds may have lost in the MAAC semifinals to Fairfield back on Nov. 18, but next year, this team could make a serious run at the upper echelon of the MAAC.

And it's thanks to ... a Freshman? Her teammates couldn't even believe it.

"In the preseason, I was shocked at how instantly she picked up the offense," sophomore Karlee Woodward, the starting middle hitter, said. "She already knew all that coach was talking about -- she knew all

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Hounds fall to Iona, take out frustrations on Manhattan

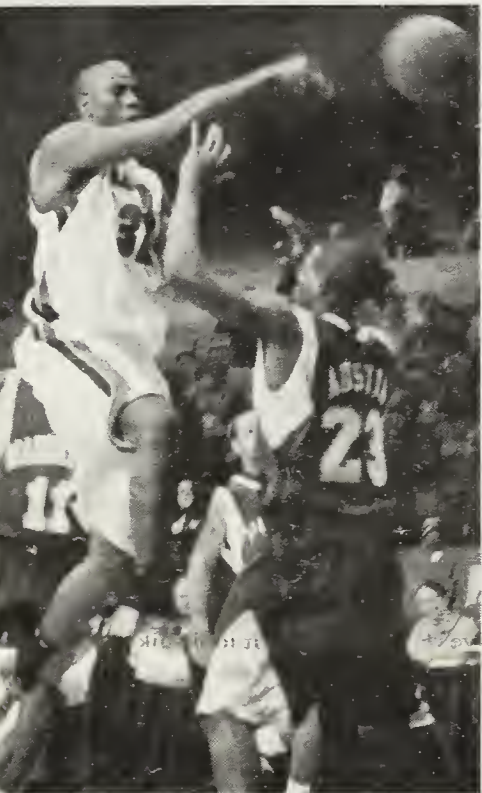
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Manhattan 28-18 in the first 20 minutes. Harvey, meanwhile, continued to create opportunities around the net with six assists in the first half alone.

“Brett Harvey was as good tonight as he has been all his career,” Patsos said. “He’s earned every one of the 35 minutes that he played today.”

Though some sloppy passing hindered the Hounds with the half coming to a close, Loyola entered intermission with a 42-23 lead after freshman guard Brian Rudolph fed senior center Hassan Fofana for an alley-oop dunk on the final possession.

After the break, the Greyhounds left no chance for the Jaspers to recover, going on an eight-point run to start, sparking a half where they shot 61.9 percent from the field. One of the highlights of the half came with 12:15 left when Rudolph sunk his first career three-pointer to give Loyola a 57-29 lead.

The Hounds out-shot and out-rebounded the Jaspers 44-18 and 44-30, respectively,



Omari Isreal was one of three Hounds to score in double figures on Sunday.

and completely controlled every offensive category.

“Last year we were a pretty good road team,” said senior guard Gerald Brown, who led the team with 22 points. “I think this game right here says that we just need to come out with that same intensity that we have at home on the road. We want to win the MAAC, and in order to win the MAAC you have to win games on the road.”

Junior guard Marquis Sullivan scored 15 points and senior forward Omari Isreal added 13. Meanwhile, senior forward Michael Tuck contributed with 10 rebounds, eight defensive, to go along with eight points.

“You’re never as good as you think you are and you’re never as bad [either], and we’re learning that,” Patsos said. “We’re a roller coaster, and that’s where I’m disappointed. If we play like we did today, we’ll win a lot of games. If we play like we did on Friday [against Iona], we’ll lose a lot of games. I expect us to be somewhere in the middle.”

Patsos and his troops could look at Friday night’s 92-66 drubbing served up courtesy of the Gaels in two ways. First, the positive: The MAAC is a tough conference, wins on the road are hard to come by and Iona responded on their home floor.

After the game, Iona’s Rashon Dwight, who was one of four Gaels to score in double figures by scoring a career-high 16 points, had compliments for Loyola.

“It’s great we came out and defended our home court,” Dwight told Iona Athletics. “The fans gave us the lift we needed against a very good and very well coached opponent.”

The Hounds proved Dwight correct two days later against Manhattan.

That was the positive outlook on the Iona game. Another way to look at it is that this was Loyola’s third straight loss. The team, supposedly one that can put up points in bunches, couldn’t score 70 points for the third straight game, and the ball-hawking defense allowed the Gaels to run rampant with a 69 percent field goal percentage in

the first half. The list doesn’t end there. Iona followed the lead of Drexel and Mount St Mary’s, who both beat the Greyhounds last week, by slowing down Loyola’s up-tempo style and forcing them to convert in the half court, where they have struggled to execute the flex offense. The Iona defense forced 12 first-half turnovers and held the Hounds to just seven first-half field goals.

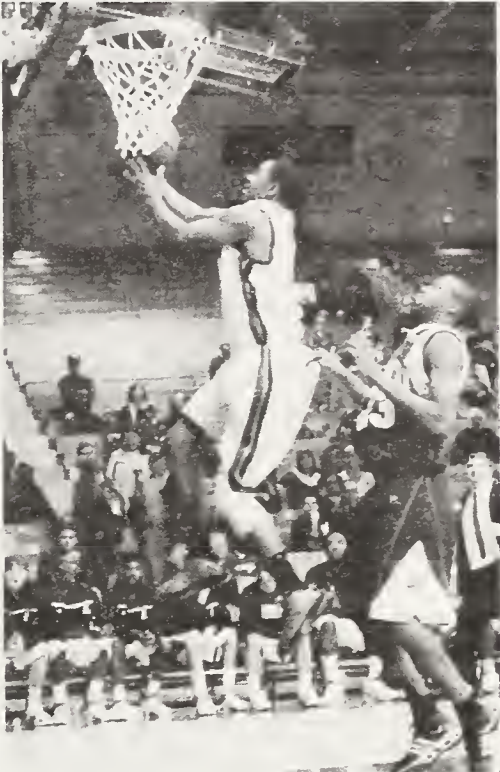
Outside of Brown, the Hounds haven’t found any consistent scoring weapons, which is the same problem the team faced last year. Brown had 31 points against Iona (12-of-14 from the charity stripe), but Sullivan, Tuck, Harvey and Isreal, the supposed compliments to Brown, combined for just 20 points. Sullivan went 2-for-10 from the field and 1-for-7 from three-point range for seven points, while Isreal had just five.

As a whole, Loyola shot 30.3 percent from the floor and were 7-for-22 from beyond the arc. Patsos noted earlier in the season that the team was settling for the three-point shot too often. Coming into the game, the team hoisted up 172 threes -- the most in the MAAC -- but made just 59 of them (34.3 percent).

The Iona game was never in doubt for the Gaels, who grabbed a 9-1 lead before Brown hit Loyola’s first field goal almost five minutes into the contest. Iona used a 15-0 run to build a 29-7 advantage midway through the half before going up by 28 points on the heels of a three-point play by Dwight right before intermission. Dwight scored 13 of his 16 points in the first half by going 5-of-5 from the field, in addition to hitting both his free throws.

After taking a 49-24 lead at halftime, Iona stifled the Hounds for the first 5:15 of the second half, while building themselves a more-than-comfortable 35-point lead. At the 9:25 mark, the Gaels’ Dexter Gray, who scored a team-high 18 points, hit a layup to give Iona their largest lead of the night, 69-33.

The Gaels actually cooled down on the shooting end in the second half, hitting



Gerald Brown scored 22 points to lead Loyola by Manhattan on Sunday.

a mere 48 percent from the field. But the Hounds somehow found a way to shoot even worse than their poor first half, hitting just 30 percent of their shots (10-of-33).

Milan Prodanovic had 16 points to match Dwight, while Devon Clarke added 15 points off the bench for the Gaels. John Kelly led with seven rebounds, and Kyle Camper had five assists to round out Iona’s effort. Besides Brown’s 31, Loyola’s only other bright spot was Rudolph, who scored 11 points.

“Our guys played great,” Iona head coach Kevin Willard said to Iona Athletics. “They executed well and played tremendous defense; it was a great all-around effort tonight.”

A loss was not the way Loyola wanted to start off their MAAC schedule, but the Hounds did come back with a win against Manhattan two days later. But with a tough non-conference game against Dayton followed by a trip to Champagne, Ill., to play the Illini coming up, the Hounds will be challenged to keep their momentum.

Women open MAAC schedule with wins over Niagara, Canisius

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taking advantage of second-chance points. However, with just under seven minutes remaining in the half, and Loyola down 26-20, the Greyhounds kick started their defensive pressure to go on a 9-3 run for the rest of the period.

A big three-pointer by junior Siobhan Prior followed by a layup from sophomore Kaitlin Grant and scores by freshman Candice Walker and senior Meghan Wood pulled the Hounds even at 29 points apiece.

Loyola took a lead 33-31 just three minutes into the second half, and at the halfway mark three-pointers from Prior and freshman Meredith Tolley gave Loyola a three-point lead at 44-41.

The Griffins got the lead back and had a two-point advantage after a three-point play, but Loyola fought back. Prior hit yet another three, and Wood hit 1-of-2 foul shots. Up by two, Walker leaped in front of her defender to grab a steal and went the distance to make a layup and give the Hounds a four-point lead with 2:51 remaining.

Canisius had a shot to tie in the waning seconds when Amanda Cavo was fouled attempting a three-point shot. After making 2-of-3 shots, Cavo intentionally missed the third. Canisius’ JJ Williams grabbed for the offensive rebound, but her last-second shot that would have tied the game missed.

The hot hand of Prior has been unconscious

the last two games. Against Canisius she went 3-of-6 from beyond the arc, including two big three’s late in the second half.

“I really have to give all the credit to my teammates. They’ve been able to find me when I’ve been open, and I have to believe that I am going to score every time,” Prior said. “It was a total team effort today. The team has been gelling a lot better offensively lately.”

Walker led the Hounds with a career-best 16 points. She was followed by Grant and Prior with 11 apiece and Wood with 10.

Determination seems to be a reoccurring theme for the Hounds. Down at halftime, the Hounds dug in deep and shot 52 percent from the field in the second half for a gritty win in their MAAC opener against Niagara on Friday night at Reitz Arena, 63-50.

The first half saw Loyola commit 13 turnovers, which Niagara turned into 13 points. Loyola, however, managed to stay in the game thanks to Wood, who battled for 11 points in the paint.

“Our problem in the first half was that we were trying so hard to score a 20-point basket,” Logan said. “We had to settle down and stop hurting ourselves with the turnovers.”

The second half started with an up-tempo pace as both teams exchanged baskets before Loyola bit down on defense and took a 42-38 lead with just under eight minutes remaining. The Hounds, who wore down

Niagara, took off as Prior stepped up to hit a big three-pointer from the wing to give Loyola a seven-point lead.

The Purple Eagles’ Jennifer McNamee connected on two foul shots after a foul by Wood to cut their deficit to seven at 47-40, but Prior nailed another foul-line jump shot to increase the Loyola lead to nine. Niagara would respond again when Erika Harris scored the last two of her team-best 14 points on a layup. Prior, however, continued her hot shooting by hitting a 17-foot jump shot at the top of the circle to keep Niagara

at bay.

Loyola would close out the game thanks to several big foul shots from Walker.

“It’s great to have a point guard who can make decisions and big time shots,” Logan said. “When Candice puts her mind to it and goes in hard for a basket it’s going to be really tough to contain her.”

Wood and Walker both led the team in scoring with 15 points apiece, while senior Tynisha Davis stepped up with 12 points.

“I am really happy about this win,” Logan

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Walker tallied a career-best 16 points to propel the Hounds by the Griffins.

Surprising volleyball team set for next three years with freshman Camaioni

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the plays."

The drive for perfection

Hernandez laughs when she hears how Camaioni says she needs to work on her consistency, considers herself a little weak on the block and too short for an outside hitter.

"She's so self critical," Hernandez said. "Sometimes she says things, and I have to tell her, 'No, you're fine.' She's always trying to find something she's doing wrong. Last weekend, she didn't hit the ball so well, and she came in on Monday and said, 'You know, I need to work on my contact.'"

Camaioni is her own worst critic, and it's because she has a relentless desire to be the best. When she misses a block, she's in the gym the next day studying it, practicing it, and ultimately mastering it so it won't happen again. She shows up to practice before anyone else, and she's a firm believer in that old mantra: practice makes perfect.

"She's very intense, and she wants to get better all the time," said her head coach at Williamstown High School in New Jersey, Chris Sheppard. "She's going to push herself constantly. As good as she is, she's also the hardest working player in the gym everyday."

Early in the season, before she burst onto the scene, Camaioni was averaging 12 to 13 kills a game, a number she and her coach felt could go up. By the time Loyola took on St. Peter's on Sept. 1, Camaioni stepped up her game in practice and came out honed and determined. She racked up a then-career-high 17 assists and hasn't stopped the onslaught since.

"She's taken on a leadership role, and she's getting a little more vocal," Woodward said. "I've seen her grow up a lot already."

However, her drive for perfection can sometimes negatively affect her game.

Against Siena on Oct. 20, a match the Greyhounds lost 3-0, Camaioni didn't play particularly well as she made several errors against a tough Saints team. Hernandez noticed her phenom hitter was flustered.

"Sometimes she thinks about all the things she should be doing rather than just playing," Hernandez said. "I had to tell her to chill out. I said, 'It's OK, you're going to make mistakes, this is a game of errors.'"

To say the hard work has paid off would not only be cliché, it would be an understatement. You don't become a four-time New Jersey Player of the Year at the high school level and a four-time MAAC Rookie of the Week on pure natural ability, though she has plenty of that. There's focus, there's mental preparation, there's on-court and off-court demeanor that must be monitored. All of it is important, and

Camaioni knows it. Just don't expect her to say it.

Deflecting the praise

The most intense competitor on the court is also the most humble, which seems like a paradox. Her coaches will tell you all about her drive and desire. Her sister, Jess, a senior who plays volleyball for Robert Morris, will tell you about her natural ability and savvy. Camaioni shrugs it off. Frankly, she's afraid of alienating her teammates.

"I think during the season, it's a time to play for the team," Camaioni said. "Whatever you get individually is great, but during the season it's the team. When I got Rookie of the Week, it's just a whole new thing to be recognized at the college level, but at the same time, I always take the approach of, 'Hey, this is what I do.'"

She laughs a little, and then looks away. Still a freshman, still a little nervous about her abilities.

It was a tenuous start for Camaioni, despite being a starter from Day One. The Greyhounds already had a glut of outside hitters, and before the season started the coach put the job up for grabs. Camaioni proved she wasn't just some flash in the pan, yet Hernandez noticed her tentativeness. Camaioni admitted to feeling a bit awkward about taking a job from a seasoned veteran.

"I had to sit her down and say, 'I brought you in here for a reason, don't be afraid to step on peoples toes,'" Hernandez said.

Camaioni's work ethic, and ultimately her success on the court, earned the respect of her teammates. She's developing as a

leader, talking more on the court and it helps that she's one of the warmest individuals you'll ever meet.

"She's

a positive leader, and I think that's why her teammates are drawn to her," said her sister Jess. "She has high expectations for herself and her team, but she's not bossy. She's reassuring; she keeps their heads up, and she won't insult her teammates. People look up to her for that — I look up to her for that."

Camaioni is a true teammate, and her personality is a reflection of the team itself, where selfish play is feigned for the common desire to win. Camaioni says there are no individual leaders on the team, but rather a group of strong-willed, single-minded players who respect and feed off each other. Loyola volleyball is about camaraderie. Camaioni fit right in.

"It's a blessing, and I know that this program is right for me," Camaioni said. "It's just such a privilege to be on the team, with the girls we all get along. I know it's the right fit. Everything just feels good."

Camaioni doesn't laugh. She means every

bit of what she says.

Following in her sister's footsteps

If you didn't know better, you'd think Camaioni had been playing this game since elementary school. And you'd be right. Fifth grade to be exact. That's when Jess started playing, and because the younger sibling naturally wanted to emulate her big sister, who is three years older, she started in fifth grade, too.

Then Jess went to high school at Williamstown, where she started playing club volleyball in addition to starring on the school's varsity. It seemed to be working fairly well for Jess, so Nina followed suit. Sure, the younger Camaioni tried other sports like basketball and even had aspirations of playing in the WNBA, but she said the running was too hard in basketball. Volleyball came naturally, she was good at it, there wasn't much running, and besides, Jess played volleyball. That made a big difference.

"I kind of opened the doors for her and gave her an idea of where to take her game," Jess said. "She followed in my footsteps, but now, I think she's stepped over me. She's a better volleyball player than I am."

By the time Nina enrolled at Williamstown, she had already been playing volleyball year round, and just like at Loyola, Nina started from the outset. She impressed Sheppard the same way she would impress Hernandez four years later.

Jess was a senior, a four-year veteran, but the age difference was hardly a factor. Nina already had a solid grasp of the game, and the two sisters were so glad to be playing together that Jess dropped her hitting partner of three years and replaced her with Nina.

"It was a lot of fun in high school — it was the only year we played together," Jess said. "We had a good chemistry. We were on the same page in terms of volleyball, and we kind of carried each other."

After Jess graduated and left for Robert Morris, Nina had already established herself as one of the best players in South Jersey. As a sophomore, she was listed on PrepVolleyball.com's watch list, piquing the interest of Hernandez at Loyola. But Camaioni wasn't thinking about college just yet; there were state championships to be won in high school.

Rising through the ranks; taking Williamstown by storm

Sheppard recalls the very match that Camaioni grew from a good player into an exceptional one. It was her sophomore year in a state quarterfinal match against Demarest High School, a volleyball force that hadn't lost a playoff game in five years en route to four straight state championships. The match came down to the deciding game, and Sheppard already knew who had to touch the ball if Williamstown had any chance.

"We decided we weren't going to spread the ball around, we were getting Nina the ball," Sheppard said. "I'm thinking, 'Who's



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Camaioni goes up for a spike against Iona in the MAAC semifinals.

going to stop her?" She absolutely crushed the ball, and we won the game."

Thus Nina was on her way to such fancy titles as All-America, First-team All State and Gatorade Player of the Year. She led Williamstown to four conference titles, and in her final year, the coveted state championship of New Jersey. In Camaioni's final high school match, in the state championship against West Morris Central, she went for 26 kills in two games to lead Williamstown to victory.

"At the highest level, in the most important match of her career, she had one of her best matches ever," Sheppard said. "It really says something about her."

The state championship is a source of pride for Sheppard, and he has Camaioni to thank. He watched his young star grow and develop into a bone fide Division I college player in four years.

The two have a close relationship; Nina still calls her coach to talk about volleyball, and Sheppard has seen her play a couple of times at Loyola.

"She did a lot for the school, and she did a lot for me," Sheppard said. "She's playing at a D-I school, and I appreciate she's still able to find time to keep in contact with her high school coach."

Off to Baltimore

New Jersey — especially South Jersey — isn't known for its volleyball prowess, and because of it Camaioni received moderate interest at the college ranks. That didn't stop Rutgers from going after her, which is where she may have ended up if not for Hernandez' volleyball camp.

"I don't think [Loyola] was at the top of her list because she hadn't been here," Hernandez said. "But in the summer of her

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Freshmen Tolley, Walker step up for Hounds

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said. "In the second half we did a much better job of defending Niagara and hanging on to the ball."

The win over Niagara came on the heels of a thriller against UMBC last Monday at Reitz Arena. With the game knotted up at 55, Tolley hit a 12-foot jump shot to put the Hounds up two. After both teams traded a free throw apiece, UMBC's last gasp jump shot at the buzzer missed as Loyola hung on

for a 58-56 victory, effectively ending their three-game losing streak.

"It is a good win for us since we were on the downhill with that 0-3 streak," Wood said. "But we are back at it now. We still have not played our best as a team yet... but to be winning games when not playing that great is a good sign of what we can do when we are playing up to our abilities."

The game did not look like it was going to be close as the Retrievers used a 14-0 run

to take a 10-point lead, 50-40, with less than eight minutes left in the game. However, the Hounds answered with a 12-1 run to take the lead, which led to Tolley's heroics.

"We showed a lot of character coming back from being down 10 in the second half," Logan said. "The team handled the situation great fighting back one possession at a time, and that's what you need to do to overcome those deficits."

Kaitlyn Drabyn led UMBC with 24

points, while Carlee Cassidy, whose last-second jump shot came up short and sealed the win for Loyola, added 17 points. Wood notched her third career double-double 11 points and 12 rebounds, while Davis had 12 points and Tolley added nine. With her 11 points, Wood surpassed 500 points in her Loyola career.

The Hounds conclude their four-game homestand against Columbia at 1 p.m. on Dec. 22.

Scholz swims to trio of records, H2Ounds defeat Marist for first time; women also impress

By JIM DELANEY
STAFF WRITER

Coming off a record setting performance two weeks ago at the H2Ounds Invitational, the H2Ounds continued their recent string success this weekend as the women defeated Mount St. Mary's and Siena at the Mangoine Aquatic Center.

However, perhaps the most amazing story, amid the great deal of success the swimmers are having, is the remarkable performance of legally blind swimmer Phil Scholz.

Scholz, a freshman, added three more American records this weekend at the 2007 U.S. Paralympics Open Swimming Championships in College Park, where he swam in the S11 blind division. There were more than 260 disabled swimmers from all over the world competing in the events.

Scholz now holds the record for the 1500-meter freestyle, 800 free and 50 free. He broke the 800 free record by two minutes, while his first-place time in the 1,500 was 20:47.20. In addition, he took second in 50 free and third in the 400 free, good enough to earn a national ranking in his respective category.

"Phil had a great meet this weekend competing against international



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Phil Scholz won the 800 freestyle event by two minutes and the 1,500 free in 20:47:20 at the 2007 U.S. Paralympics Open Swimming Championships.

competition for the first time," head coach Brian Loeffler said. "I am so proud of how he fared against other blind athletes."

Scholz, who will swim with Loyola next semester, also swam for the Greyhounds at the H2Ounds Invitational two weeks ago, where he helped the men's team set a bit of Loyola history.

For the first time ever, the men's team defeated MAAC powerhouse Marist 196.5-173.5.

"Until then, Marist men had only lost two MAAC dual meets in the 12 years they have been in the league, both to Rider," Loeffler said. "The [Loyola] men's victory was the greatest dual meet victory in men's team history."

The entire team turned in impressive swims. Freshman Jake Swiggett broke the school record in the 200 backstroke (1:55.80), sophomore Zach Oster finished with the second fastest time in the 400 IM

(4:12.92) and freshman Matt Fralinger had four first-place finishes in the 100 and 200 breast and was apart of the 200 and 400 medley relay teams.

The women came within 10 points of defending champs Marist two weeks ago, but bounced back this week by defeating both Siena, 79-60, and Mount St. Mary's, 104-29.

"Today was a big win for us," junior Victoria Kamauff said. "Everyone is swimming great."

Kamauff won the 500 freestyle (5:12.77) and joined freshman Caitlin Cassidy on the 400 freestyle relay team. Cassidy had a tremendous day in the pool, finishing first in the 200 freestyle (1:57.62) and contributing as a member of the 200 medley relay (1:51.97) and 400 freestyle relay (3:39.99).

Sophomore Alex Coletta won both 1- and 3-meter diving with scores of 196 and 184, respectfully.

"This was a great way for the women to end the semester," Loeffler said. "Mount St Mary's and Siena gave us some great competition."

The H2Ounds are off until Jan. 12 when they face a true test at Rider, which will determine MAAC supremacy.

Runners Amaducci, Scott, McDonald set school records at Princeton meet

By AMANDA PICCIRILLI
STAFF WRITER

The Loyola women's track team set three school records this past Saturday at the Princeton Invitational in Princeton, N.J.

Sophomore captain Kim Amaducci broke her own school record in the high jump on Saturday, clearing 5.25 feet. She almost cleared her next attempt at 5.375 feet as her entire body cleared the bar, but it was her heels that hit on all three attempts.

"This meet was really positive for [Kim]," head coach Brett Harvey said. "With her almost making the 5.375 feet jump, she knows she can do it and has confidence she can clear it."

Senior Caroline Scott and freshman Megan Harpe both competed in the 500-meter race. Scott finished with a time of 1:21.84, one second ahead Harpe. Both broke the previous school record, but it is Scott who is now the new record holder for Loyola.

The third and final school record came in the 300 when junior Brittany McDonald ran the race in 45.34 seconds, finishing 19th in the event.

Senior Andrea Rovegno and freshman Lindsay Wilson also put in impressive performances. Rovegno competed in one of her strongest events, the 3,000, and led for the entire race, hitting a perfect 5:20-mile pace.

But Rutgers' Alison Caruana was able

to bypass Rovegno in the last lap, giving Rovegno a time of 10:07 and second place.

"[Andrea] hasn't raced since May because of injury, but she looked really fit," Harvey said. "This was a really positive race for her."

Last year the track team had a solid group of freshmen sprinters, but this year Harvey's freshman excel in other areas.

Wilson proved on Saturday she was capable of competing against top runners in the nation, as she took second place in the mile. Wilson finished with a time of 5:21 and was only three strides from being in first place.

"Lindsay is not scared to compete," Harvey said. "Her being able to 'kick it' with college juniors and seniors is a big step, and she did it."

Harvey says the momentum from last weekend will carry into the beginning of Loyola's indoor season, which starts on Jan. 12 at the Gulden Relays in Lewisburg, Pa.

'It all fits together' for Camaioni

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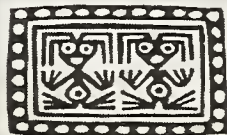
junior year, she came to my camp, and she was sold after that."

Camaioni instantly fell in love with Loyola – the size, the people, the distance (just two hours away from mom and dad), but especially Hernandez and the improving volleyball program.

It made the coach's job easy; she barely had to do any recruiting. The school spoke for itself.

"Loyola was one of the few colleges where it actually fit together," Camaioni said. "You just get that feeling. It's a great community, and there's so much to do here. It just felt right. I can't wait to actually start experiencing some things out of volleyball because volleyball is strictly my fun right now."

Camaioni laughs, and you can tell she's enjoying herself. She's just a freshman, but already she fits right in.



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Men's basketball lives, dies by flex offense

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undefeated at home. As head coach Jimmy Patsos correctly said, this is no time to panic or lose any faith in the team.

"I know our students and fans expected a lot from us this season, and I admit we have not played the way we would have liked so far this season, but we cannot lose faith in each other," Patsos said. "Loyola is like a big family, and we need to support each other always. I ask the students to get out and support the team like they always have in the past."

Realistically speaking, Loyola hasn't lost any incredibly important games since the Hounds did not expect to garner an at-large bid from the NCAA selection committee. And while the early performances have not always lived up to the MAAC championship-caliber hype, there is certainly tremendous talent in Baltimore.

The Greyhounds (5-5) have shown flashes of brilliance in their five victories, averaging 79 points per contest, while only giving up 64. This strong defense can be attested to Patsos' insistence on

pressure defense and the team buying into his energetic system. The consistent full-court pressure has forced over 19 turnovers a game in wins, showing the necessary tools of a championship team.

The problem with the Hounds since Day One has been the struggles of the half-court offense, which leads to settling for low-percentage three-point shots or the ever-popular high pick and roll with Gerald Brown attempting to split two defenders before launching into a set of acrobatics as the shot clock expires. Yes, the shot is as tough as it sounds.

Like the defense, the team needs to commit to their flex offense and work the ball for easier scoring opportunities.

"The idea of our offense is to work the ball inside and find a high-percentage shot," assistant coach Matt Kovarik said. "It is the same offense Gary Williams has run at Maryland successfully for years, and it has been successful for us as well. We just need to stick to the offense and find the open man rather than settling for

a tough shot."

In the team's first test of the season against Towson, Loyola was a heavy favorite to walk out of the Towson Center with an important season-opening victory. Instead, the offense hoisted up 29 three point attempts, only ten of which fell, and shot 40.4 percent from the field.

Clearly, the Hounds got away from their flex offense, and Towson beat Loyola at their own game of finding the high-percentage shot close to the basket, while out-rebounding the Hounds 45-30.

While many teams would bury themselves after the early defeat, Loyola bounced back nicely as the team rallied off three straight victories and won four of five, including wins against perennial Ivy League power Pennsylvania and an always-strong Vermont squad. Even in their lone loss in the span, a tough matchup against Seton Hall in the Philly Hoop Group Classic, the Hounds played with passion and looked impressive. With the exception of a Seton Hall run late in the first half, the Hounds hung with the Pirates

for the duration.

However, it was not long until the team settled back into its old offensives woes, resulting in a three-game losing streak. They dropped a close battle with Drexel, a team they should have beaten, and then were beaten by rival Mount St. Mary's, who notched their first victory of the season. The skid culminated with an embarrassing loss in the MAAC opener at Iona.

Over the course of the season, the old mantra has certainly held true for the Green and Grey: "If you live by the three, you die by the three."

In Loyola's three contests previous to Sunday against Manhattan, the Hounds averaged 59 points per game and shot 33 percent from the field, 27 percent from three.

Additionally, Loyola had yet to attempt less than 18 threes in any contest, and was averaging roughly 22 attempts per game.

Sunday was a different story as the Hounds committed to their inside game and worked through the post to find the open three. The

offense cliqued against Manhattan, as the Hounds jumped out to a 15-0 lead and held a 22-2 advantage with 14 points coming in the paint. Loyola went on to record a 77-54 victory with 44 points coming in the paint and the team shooting 46.2 percent from the field.

"We really emphasized sticking to the offense in practice yesterday," Kovarik said. "We want to work the ball into the post and be able to score it while taking pressure off of the perimeter. When that happens, we can kick the ball out for an open three and score that way as well."

When Loyola's offense is cliquing, they can play with any team they will face this season. On occasion they can even run teams out of the gym. With a quick-strike offense featuring three and (usually) four shooters on the floor at any time, Loyola can score in bunches.

And once they find their offensive consistency, which showed signs of happening against the Jaspers, they have a strong potential for a MAAC title, and possibly a spot in that special 64-team tournament.



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<p>WORK FROM HOME ONLINE PT/FT managers needed 1-877-243-5572</p>	<div>MISCELLANEOUS</div> <p>Female college students, 18-30 years, who experience frequent headaches are needed for participation in a research study. Volunteers will meet with a researcher for 2, 20 minute sessions that will involve pencil-and-paper tests and questionnaires. Earn \$10 for participation upon completion of the study! If interested contact Lisa at 703-455-1675 or lahahl@loyola.edu</p> <p>I am interested in finding someone m or f to practice martial arts with. I have a background in Japanese martial arts, but to trade knowledge would be great. I will pay for gym expenses.443-451-0836 Thanks!</p> <p>Even if you weren't "to the manner born", you can live like royalty at Donnelly Townhouses. Imagine the luxury of your own brand new home with all the usual refinements, like central air, private washer/dryer, reserved parking for 2 cars, fully equipped kitchen, and 2 full baths. Now, imagine all this within walking distance of campus for just \$700/mo per bedroom (4 bedroom minimum). Full year leases mean you don't have to give up your private off-campus hideaway. Sign a lease by Jan 1, 08' and receive a 32" flat panel TV or a \$500.00 gift certificate to Ikea when you move in (one per house) also if you refer someone who signs a lease before Jan 1, 2008 you will receive \$500.00 cash (one per house) after they move in. Call for more info. 410.486.1955.</p>	<div>universal ADVERTISING</div> <p>http://www.universaladvertising.com</p>

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